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STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH THE MALABAR COAST, CEYLON, MADRAS, AND CALCUTTA.

THE BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (Limited), under Contract with Government, despatch Steamers as above with Mails, Passengers, and Cargo, every fourteen days.

The Steam-ship PATNA, 1,730 Tons, 300 H.P., Commander A. Atkinson, will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 7th November 1871, at noon.

Nov.		Nov.
Leave BOMBAY 7	Leave Colombo	16
„ Carwar 9	„ Galle	17
„ Mangalore 10	„ Negapatam	20
„ Cannanore 11	„ Pondicherry	21
„ Tellicherry 11	„ Madras	23
„ Calicut 12	„ Cocanada	25
„ Beypore..... 12	„ Vizagapatam	26
„ Cochin 13	„ Bimlipatam	26
„ Alleppy 14	„ Gopalpore	27
„ Tuticorin 15	„ False Point	28
	Arrive CALCUTTA	29

This route is the most expeditious and economical for Passengers for the Neilgherrie District, Bangalore, and Madras, who can land at Calicut for B-ypore and proceed from thence by rail. Passengers for Calcutta can take the same route picking up the steamer at Madras.

N.B.—No cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH THE PERSIAN GULF VIA KURRACHEE.

Interchanging Cargo and Passengers at Bussora, to and from Bagdad, with the Euphrates and Tigris Steam Navigation Company.

THE BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (Limited), under Mail Contract with Government, will despatch a Steamer every 14 days to the Persian Gulf, touching at KURRACHEE, GUADUR, MUSCAT, BUNDER ABBAS, LINGA, BUSHIRE, FAO, MAHOMERAH, and BUSSORAH.

The Steam-ship ETHIOPIA, 1,132 Tons, 200 H.P., Commander A. Scott, will be despatched on MONDAY, the 13th November 1871, at noon.

Nov.		Dec.
Leave BOMBAY 13	Leave BUSSORAH	1
„ Kurrachee 17	„ Fao	3
„ Guadur..... 18	„ Bushire	5
„ Muscat..... 20	„ Linga	5
„ Bunder Abbas 22	„ Bunder Abbas	6
„ Linga 24	„ Muscat.....	8
„ Bushire 26	„ Guadur	10
„ Fao 28	„ Kurrachee	13
Arrive BUSSORAH 29	Arrive BOMBAY	16

N.B.—No cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH KURRACHEE.

THE BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (Limited), under Mail Contract with Government, and in connection with the Weekly Service from England, despatch a steamer to Kurrachee every MONDAY, at noon.

The Steam-ship KURRACHEE, 510 Tons, 120 H.P., Commander A. Cottiss, will be despatched on MONDAY, the 6th November 1871, at noon.

N.B.—No cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH ITALY.

(VIA SUEZ CANAL.)

ITALIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY of Messrs. RUBATTINO & Co., GENOA.

The regular Steamers leave

GENOA on the 24th, and BOMBAY on the 1st of each month.

PASSENGER RATES.

(Inclusive of all Transit Fees through the Suez Canal.)

	1st Class.	2nd Class.	3rd Class.
To Aden	£22	£15	£8
Suez	36	22	8
Port Said.....	38	24	9-10
Alexandria.....	39	25	9-10
Messina	50	34	14
Naples	50	34	14
Leghorn	50	34	14
Genoa	50	34	14
Marseilles—transhipment at Genoa).....	52	35	14-10

Including Wines. Without Food.

Children under 3 years, free of charge.
Children not above 10 years, half fare.
Next Steamers from Bombay :—

PERSIA, on MONDAY, 1st January 1872.
EGITTO, on FRIDAY, 1st December 1871.

The exact hour of departure will be fixed and published a day or two previous to sailing.

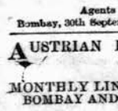
For Hand-books of Information, Rates of Freight, &c., apply to

VOLKART BROTHERS,
Agents Rubattino Steam Navigation Company.

Bombay, 30th September 1871.

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

MONTHLY LINE OF STEAMERS BETWEEN BOMBAY AND TRIESTE VIA SUEZ CANAL.



The Company intends from October next to despatch every month a Steamer from TRIESTE to BOMBAY and *vice versa*. These Steamers have limited accommodation for a small number of Passengers. The rates for Cabin Passengers include food and table wine passing through Egypt, and free conveyance of 3 cwt. luggage. In excess £4 per Ton is charged.

The Steamer SPHINX, 3,400 tons, will be despatched from Bombay on or about the 7th November.

PASSENGER RATES FROM BOMBAY :

	Cabin.	Deck, with Food.
To Aden.....	£16	£ 7-13
To Suez	£28	£13- 7
To Port Said.....	£30	£14- 6
To Trieste.....	£40	£19- 0

Cargo taken for Trieste, also for Venice, Constantinople, and Odessa, Aden, Egypt, England, and the Continent generally.

THERE is also a weekly service by MAIL STEAMERS between Alexandria and Trieste, and *vice versa*, in conjunction with the P. & O. Co.'s Mail Steamers to and from Suez. The Austrian Lloyd's Mail Steamers leave Alexandria direct for Trieste immediately after the arrival of the Bombay and Calcutta Mails from Suez. The distance between Alexandria and Trieste is 250 miles shorter than that between Alexandria and Marseilles, and the voyage to Trieste is much more agreeable, it being a coasting trip full of variety of beautiful scenery from the Island of Candia to the Port of Trieste. The passage occupies only 4½ to 5 days, and the Company's best Steamers are employed on this line, which are built expressly for this service, with special reference to the accommodation and comfort of Passengers, and have a very experienced Surgeon on board. At Trieste the traveller finds an extensive choice of picturesque and interesting excursions, occupying from three days six hours to five days to any point of Europe, at an expense varying from £7 to £13.

London, &c., via the P. & O. Co.'s steamers to Suez can have their baggage forwarded to that Company's steamers from Alexandria to Trieste, at a charge of 15s. per cwt., for Alexandria to Trieste, and of 20s. per cwt. for excess of the regulated allowance of 3 cwt., and of 20s. per cwt. for excess the regulated allowance of 3 cwt.,

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

MONEY MARKET.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

Colaba and Bank of Bombay shares closed firm. Spinning shares continue declining. Government Paper dull.

The following report on the transactions of the week in the Bombay Money Market is taken from our *Overland Summary* of Saturday :—

MONEY.—The New Bank of Bombay's Return, made up to the 28th October, shows the Deposits to amount to Rs. 142,42,000, and the General Treasury Balances to Rs. 265,89,000 :—while the Cash Balances and Bullion amounted to Rs. 236,15,000. The Loans, on security, amounted to Rs. 16,02,000 ; the Cash Credits, on security, to Rs. 97,22,000 ; the Bills discounted to Rs. 75,13,000 ; and the Government Securities held by the Bank to Rs. 55,93,000. The Bank's rates stand as previously, viz., at 5 per cent. per annum for loans on Government Securities, at 6 per cent. on Cash Credits, and at 8 per cent. on Mercantile Bills.

The above Return, compared with that of the previous week, shows an increase in the Deposits of 5½ lacs, and in the Cash Balances of a little over 13 lacs, the Loans and Discounts having decreased by about 7½ lacs. But in the money market, there is a firmer feeling, which would become more marked if our Export trade assumed even moderate dimensions. In Calcutta, also, money is now in more demand, which will react on this market, and which, it is expected, will increase with the approach of the Indigo season. The course of exchange, inland and foreign, points to an upward tendency in the value of money. Exchange on England, both for sight and 6 months' sight Bills, is again firmer, on Calcutta the rate is tending towards a discount, and Government Paper is very weak. On receipt of the telegrams announcing that Council Bills had, on 1st November, been sold at 1s. 11½d., the sight rates here immediately rose ½ per cent. It is however thought improbable that the advance, though the rate may still rise for a time, can be of long duration, for it is owing to the favourable turn which the price of Cotton took in the beginning of June last, since which time a higher level of prices has been established. What amount is due to India for surplus proceeds of the shipments made up to the close of the last fair season, it is impossible to state with accuracy, but we do not think it can exceed 1½ to 1¾ million sterling,—a sum which will soon be adjusted, as it is now known that considerable remittances in specie and Government Paper are already on the way from Europe to India. Six months' sight on London may also be quoted ½ per cent. higher. Some disappointment was again felt yesterday that the Bank of England Directors had not, at their weekly meeting, reduced the rate of discount, for the telegrams had reported large payments of gold into the Bank. The Bank's Return, for the week ending 1st November, shows the bullion to amount to £22,500,000, being a further increase of £875,000, while the Discounts have decreased by £437,000. But the advices by post assert that many millions sterling of Bills drawn by France on England are still lying with the German Government, who may at any time discount them and require the proceeds in gold, and that there is a great scarcity of gold in Paris, with exchange there on London quoted at the high figure of 26,—circumstances in themselves sufficiently large, even in the present strong position of the Bank and which will probably induce the Directors to maintain the rate until the intentions of Germany, and the financial complications of the Continent, are more clearly understood.

SHARES.—The market has been extremely depressed, and most descriptions are lower. In Land Companies' shares, a few transactions only have been reported. Colabas are weak at Rs. 1,510, and Freres at Rs. 138, while Mazagons have fallen to Rs. 890, and Port Cunnings to Rs. 360, but even these rates can hardly be obtained. In Bank shares, however, enquiry continues for those of the Bank of Bombay, of which the fully paid up shares are steady at 42 per cent. premium. National Bank shares are nominal at Rs. 90 each ; but they are quoted in Calcutta at Rs. 95. Spinning Companies' shares are lower and have a declining tendency. Alliance close at Rs. 2,625 ; Manockjee Petit at Rs. 1,080 ; and Oriental at Rs. 2,625 ; and at these rates a good many shares are offering. In Press Companies' shares no transactions have been reported ; but Hydraulic Press are offering at Rs. 2,600, including the dividend of Rs. 210 per share recently declared ; and Mofussil Press and Ginning at Rs. 530.

GOVERNMENT PAPER.—A limited business has again been done, about 5 lacs only having changed hands, and prices, excepting Fours, are very weak, and lower. We quote—Fours, firm at par. ; Fives, with conversion into new 4½ per cent. guaranteed, at 103¼, but without such guarantee at 100¼ ; and Fives and half at 112. The market in Calcutta, since the Doorga Poojah holidays appears, although money is in more demand there, to be somewhat firmer ; Fours being now quoted at 99¾, Fives at 103¼, and Fives-and-half at 112¼. In London, the only change which has occurred is in Fives, which are ¼ per cent. higher : quotations there are, Fours 96½, Fives 98¼, and Fives and-half 109, with exchange on India at 1s. 11¾d. With the advancing tendency, however, of exchange in London on India, an improvement in the prices of enfaced Rupee Paper at home is now improbable. By the telegrams received during the week the price of the new French Loan in Paris has been daily advancing, and it has now reached the high price of 95-90. A considerable business has in consequence been done here, but the price, although higher, is in no way proportioned to the rise in Paris. About 20 lacs have changed hands in the week, and the prices which last week closed at 94½ and 95¼, for paper fully paid up, and not fully paid up, respectively, now stand at 95 and 96¼, being an advance of ¼ per cent. in the week. The Paris Municipal Bonds continue to be dealt in at Rs. 5 premium per bond, and at this rate about 200 bonds have changed hands in the week.

EXCHANGE.—A moderate amount has been done this week on London, and it has principally been in Bank Bills, very few House Bills being, with the small business doing in Cotton, in the market. Business continued to be done on the basis of the closing quotations of last mail, until the 2nd instant, when telegrams came announcing that Council Bills had been sold at the periodical biddings as high as 1s. 11¾d. to 1s. 11½d. This intelligence was immediately followed by a rise in the sight rate here to 1s. 11¾d. to 1s. 11 5-16d., and several lacs of 6 months' sight were sold by two Exchange Banks at 1s. 11¾d. for next mail. Yesterday rates continued very firm, the telegrams received in the morning reporting that the Bank of England Directors had made no reduction in their rate of discount which, from the payments of bullion into the Bank, was in many quarters expected. Rates close as 1s. 11¾d. to 1s. 11 5-16d. for sight Bank Bills, at 1s. 11 13 16d. to 1s. 11¾d. for six months' sight Bank Bills, at 2s. for Credits, and at 2s. 0 1 16d. to 2s. 0¼d. for Documents. On Calcutta, a large business has been done, about 20 lacs Bank Paper having been sold, but rates are somewhat lower : Sight Bank Bills close at 100¼, and 60 days' sight at 99¾. The rate for 60 days' sight House Bills on China is Rs. 218 per 100 dollars.

BOMBAY BILL AND STOCK LIST.

BANKS.

No. of Shares	Numl. value	Paid up.	Last div. declared.	Names.	Cash Rates per Share.
	Rs.	p. a.			
100,000	100	all	8 p.ct.	Agra Bank	87
22,000	1,000	all	8 p.ct.	Bank of Bengal	1,4 0 nl.
10,000	500	all	9 p.ct.	Do of Bombay New	665
20,000	500	100	6 p ct.	Do 2nd ins. Issue	1874
75,250	1,000	all	6 p.ct.	Do of Madras	1,460
1,000	250	all	4 p.ct.	Chartered Mercantile Bk. of L. I., & China	270
40,000	281	all	12 pct.	Hong. & Shanghai Bank.	410 nl.
60,000	250	all	Nil.	Chartered Bk. of L. & C	150
17,000	250	125	Nil.	National Bank of India.	91
19,000	250	all	12 do	Oriental Bank	475

PRESS COMPANIES.

150	5,000	2,850	225pct	Akbar Cotton Press Co....	2,150
200	2,000	1,100	75do	Albert Co. Kurrachee.....	940
250	3,000	850	Nil.	Alexandra Press Co.....	360
150	12,000	11,000	300do	Apollo Press Co.....	7,000
200	2,500	all	210do	Bombay Press Co.....	1,970 x d
200	500	all	53do.	Do New.....	480 x d
300	1,500	...	...	arwar Company.....	860
500	1,000	all	40	Colaba Press Co.....	6,300
350	2,000	all	200 ps	East India Press Co.....	3,100
150	3,000	1,950	0	Fort Press Co.....	9,000
200	2,0 0	1,800	30 ps	Framji Cowasji Press Co..	1,015
200	6,000	6,000	22½ ps	Hydraulic Press Co.....	2,375 x d
250	5,000	1,667	75 ps	Imperial Press Co.....	1,125
200	6,000	2,000	1.0 ps	Kurrachee Press Co.....	360 x d
2,000	400	350	60 ps	Mofussil Press & G. Co....	510
12	2,500	all	Nil.	Prince of Wales Press.....	2,350
150	2,043	all	Nil.	Timevelly Press Co.....	1,000
225	2,000	1,000	250	Victoria Press, Madras....	1,000

Per share for the half-year.

BOMBAY GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH

OFFICE—5TH NOVEMBER, 9 P.M.

Latest dates from United Kingdom.

Via Russia, 4th November, 5 P.M., Greenwich time. Time in transit, 2 hour 36 minutes.

Via Turkey 3rd November, 4-10 P.M., Greenwich time. Time in transit, 30 hours 35 minutes.

Via Red Sea, 4th November, 3-20 P.M., Greenwich time. Time in transit, 5 hours 16 minutes.

Latest dates from Continent of Europe.

Via Russia, 4th November, 4-16 P.M., Greenwich time. Time in transit, 16 hours 44 minutes.

Via Turkey, 4th November, 7 P.M., Greenwich time. Time in transit, 7 hours 52 minutes.

Via Red Sea, 4th November, 7-59 P.M., Greenwich time. Time in transit, 7 hours 15 minutes.

The time occupied in the transmission of messages to Bombay from 9 P.M. of the 4th to 9 P.M. of the 5th November is as follows :—

To Bombay.	Max.	Min
From Calcutta	9 37	0 5
,, Galle.....	14 47	2 43
,, Kurrachee	0 26	0 24
,, Madras	0 37	0 32

TELEGRAPH LINE. REPORTS.

KURRACHEE, 5th Nov., 9 P.M.—Latest dates from United Kingdom, via Russia, 4th Nov., 7-7 P.M. ; via Turkey, 4th Nov., 1-16 P.M. From Continent of Europe, via Russia, 4th Nov., 9-10 P.M ; via Turkey, 4th Nov., 7 P.M. From America, via Russia, 5th Nov., 3 A.M. Cable right to Fao ; Turkish line right to Fao ; Persian line right to London

SHIPPING.

DAILY FREIGHT REPORT—4TH NOVEMBER.

London...	Cotton	£2 15s. Nom.
	Cases	£2 15s.
	Seeds	£2 7s. 6d. to £2 10s.
	Iron Ships Cotton	£2 7s. 6d.
	Wooden Ships ,, ...	£2 7s. 0d.
Liverpool	Myrabolm & Coir bdls	£1 10s. 0d.
	Seeds	£2 0s. 0d. to £2 2s. 6d.
Havre.....	Cotton	No ship.
	Coffee	
Overland	Steamers	£2 17s. 6d. to £3 0s. 0d.
Liverpool via Suez Canal		£2 17s. 6d. to £3 2s. 6d.
China ...	Steamer Cotton	Rs. 8 to 9 per bale.
	,, Opium.....	Rs. 26 to 30 per chest
	Sailing Ships	Rs. 6 per bale
Calcutta ...	Salt	Rs. 3 0 0 to 4 0 0 per on
Calcutta to Bombay		Rs. 19 and Calcutta Port charges
Mauritius		8 annas to 10 p. bag nominal.

ARRIVALS.

Nov.	Vessel.	Commander.	From
4	Ethiopia (s)	Scott	Persian Gulf, Oct. 20.
	Gogah (s)	Nacoda	Cutch Mandvee, Nov. 2
	Tapteo (s)	DeCosta	Cutch, Nov. 1.
5	Sir J. R. Carnac (s).	Raffin	Goa, Nov. 3.

DEPARTURES.

Nov.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
4	Sumatra (s)	Anderson	Aden and Suez.
	Puloo (s)	Baker	Coast and Goa.
	Pearl (s)	Morrison	Malabar Coast.
	Peter Dickson	Godda	Galle.
	Egeria (s)	Cook	Bassein.

The steamer Gogah, to Cutch Mandvee, began to load on Saturday last.

HOOGHLY.

ARRIVALS.

Nov.			
2	Glenartney (s).....	Holton	Hongkong, Oct. 18.
	Dacca (s)	Paterson	Bombay, Oct. 10.
	Naturalist	Gregory	Liverpool, July 6.
	Carlisle Castle.....	Cooper	London, Aug. 2.
	Bowtell	Ellery.....	Liverpool, July 17.

DAILY IMPORTS.—3RD NOVEMBER.

FROM LIVERPOOL.

Dallam Tower, 68 cases glassware, J. Rahimtoola.

FROM LONDON.

M. M. Peter, 10 cases soap, C. A. Reyhenon ; 168 cases oilmanstores, A. A. Reyhenon.

European s, 2 casks hardware, E. Tyebally.

Orlando, s, 150 casks pale ale, R. Bomanjee & Co.

Roodee, 49 barrels tar, T. Habibbhoy ; 34 cases glassware, Sir Charles Forbes & Co. ; 38 cases glassware, K Dhunjee.

British Monarch, 103 casks beer, M. Cooverjee & Co.

Annie Millicent, 20 casks hardware, E. A. Cadar.

Strathclyde, s, 10 cases sewing thread, C. A. Reyhenon.

FROM BORDEAUX.

Marie Gabrielle, 50 cases corks, N. & B. Wadia & Co. ; 1,470 boxes claret, 45 boxes dantzic, 50 boxes curaçao, and 45 boxes maraschino, N. Ardaseer and Sons.

NOVEMBER 4.

FROM LIVERPOOL.

Bivouac, s, 12 cases pale sherry, B. M. Punthakey.

Strathclyde, s, 2 cases hardware, A. Jewa ; 925 bars and 200 bundles British bar iron, Eward Bates & Co.

FROM LONDON.

Roodee, 15 cases yellow metal sheet, P. Feroz.

Jumna, 50 cases sherry and 6 cases cognac, Cutler, Palmer & Co.

Dallam Tower, 9 packages wall paper, T. Abboolally & Co.

British Monarch, 78 bundles hoop iron, R.C. Southern & Co. ; 33 cases stout, P. Framjee & Co. ; 105 casks pale ale, E. Rustomjee Mody.

Strathclyde, 50 barrels roll sulphur, H. J. Mahomed & Co.

M. M. Peter, 5 packages corks, E. Fallonjee Caperia.

Orlando, s, 300 cases hardware, T. Adamjee ; 10 casks sheet zinc, H Allybhoy.

FROM TRIESTE.

Sphinx, s, 4 packages beads, Alsen, Riebe & Co. ; 114 packages beads, B. Jeejeebhoy ; 6 cases glass beads, R. Benton Hobbs.

FROM BORDEAUX.

Marie Gabrielle, 41 cases cognac, J. Neuberg ; 100 cases claret, Bolton & Co. ; 100 cases brandy, A. Dorabjee.

DAILY EXPORTS.—3RD NOVEMBER.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

Pericles, 3 bales old gunny rags, T. Cullianjee.

Eastern Belle, 130 bales cotton, L. Luckmedass ; 95 bales cotton, L. Purbodass.

Gunga, s, 38 bales hides, S. Abdool &Co. ; 60 bales wool, C. Pitamber ; 400 bales cotton, G. Khutow & Co. ; 2 bales skins, J. Sawoo & Co. ; 52 bales cotton, Lawrence & Co. ; 92 bales cotton, L. Narrounjee ; 15 coils coir rope and 100 robins copra, S. Mooljee.

Sumatra, s, 59 bales wool, N. Goolabchund ; 33 bales wool, N. Soondurjee ; 20 bales cotton, G. Jamoojee ; 25 bales cotton, H. B. Touche & Co. ; 43 bales cotton, D. Jaitha ; 255 bales cotton, N. Soonderjee ; 100 bales cotton, N. Golabchund ; 90 bales cotton, H Nursee.

Redewater, s, 102 trails ——, Stearns, Hobart &Co.

FOR LONDON.

Sumatra, s, 29 cases cardamoms, H. B. Touche & Co. ; 11 cases cardamoms, E. Lallbhoy.

Surat, s, 56 bales hides and skins, C. Esmail & Co. ; 206 packages coffee, F. M. Dama ; 9 cases mother 'o pearl shells, S. Tyebjee ; 2 cases shawls, H. Curumchund ; 52 bales hides and skins, H. M. C. F. Mahomed & Co.

Orlando, s, 3,000 bundles coir yarn, S. Mooljee.

FOR TRIESTE.

Sphinx, s, 250 bales cotton, H. W. & A. Graham & Co. ; 150 bales cotton, Gaddum & Co.

FOR GENOA.

Sphinx s, 50 bales cotton, Bowring & Co.

FOR HONGKONG.

Orissa, s, 5 chests M. opium, M. Manockjee & Co. ; 20 chests M opium, E. Framjee & Co. ; 7 chests M. opium, R. Sawantram.

NOVEMBER 4.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

Pericles, 45 bales cotton, N. Soondurjee ; 125 bales cotton, D. Hormusjee.

Victoria Cross, 35 cases steel, Greaves, Cotton, & Co.

Gunga, s, 1,000 bundles gall, S. Vagjee ; 198 bales cotton, S. Tyebjee & Co. ; 19 casks cocoanut oil, S. Pudumsee ; 3 bales wool, C. Pitamber ; 14 bales cotton, Behrend Brothers.

Sphinx, s, 78 bales cotton, Rolli Brothers ; 1,600 bundles myrabolams, M. Jewerz, 40 bales cotton, W. and A. Graham & Co. ; 230 bales wool, Stearns, Hobart & Co. ; 50 bales cotton, Gaddum & Co. ; 75 bales wool, V. Kukull.

Redewater, s, 250 cwts, horns, H. Noormohomed ; 1,991 bags wet dates, D. Merwanjee & Co. ; 21 bales wool, F. May, Scott & Co.

FOR LONDON.

Orlando, s, 3,000 bundles coir yarn, S. Mooljee.

FOR SUEZ.

Gunga, s, 1 bundle shawls, H. Z. Abaden.

FOR HONGKONG.

Orissa, s, 32 bundles fishmaws, 448 bundles sharkfins, C. Ebram ; 11 bales waste cotton, N. Wassodew ; 14 chests M. opium, G. Seenghanee ; 12 chests M. opium, C. Bomanjee & Co. ; 744 bundles sharkfins, J. Peerbhoy ; 32 chests M. opium, D. C. Tata.

FOR SHANGHAI.

Orissa s, 11½ chests M. opium, C. Bomanjee & Co. ; 54 chests M opium, E. Eduljee.

MILITARY.

ARRIVALS.—NOVEMBER 4.

Hills, Captain, Royal Engineers, on leave, from Kirkee.

Weir, Major, Assistant Quartermaster General, on duty, from Kurrachee.

Carthew, Lieutenant, 16th Bengal Cavalry, to appear before a medical board, from Peshawur.

Dusk, Veterinary Surgeon, Royal Artillery, on duty, from Kirkee.

Gaye, Colonel, Royal Horse Artillery, on duty, from Kirkee.

Capel, Lieutenant, 56th Regiment, on leave, from Poona.

McGregor, Colonel, 2nd Light Cavalry, on leave, from Deesa.

McMath, Lieutenant, 99th Regiment, to appear before a medical board, from Kurrachee.

Hankins, Lieutenant-Colonel, 4th Bengal Cavalry, from furlough, from England.

Worgan, Colonel, Royal Artillery, on duty from Poona.

Hogg, Lieutenant, 2nd Sind Horse, on leave, from Seroor.

DEPARTURES.—NOVEMBER 4.

Mottet, Major, 25th Regiment N. I., on medical certificate, to Europe.

Henley, Captain, Bombay Rifle Brigade, to join, to Aden.

Bent, Major, 2-25th Regiment, to join, to Jubbulpore.

Cornewall, Major, Bombay Staff Corps, on duty, to Surat.

Langhorne, Lieutenant, Royal Engineers, to join, to Kirkee.

Murray, Quartermaster, 21st Hussars, to join, to Lucknow.

Osbourne, Colonel, 1st Bombay Cavalry, on furlough, to Europe.

Vaughan, Major, Bombay Staff Corps, on leave, to England.

McRae, Captain, Bombay General List, on leave, to Poona.

McRae, Ensign, 8th Foot, on leave, to Poona.

Thom, Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals, Indian Medical Department, on leave, to England.

Capel, Lieutenant 56th Regiment, on leave, to Europe.

Hunter, Major, Bengal Staff Corps, on furlough, to England.

Cooper, Major, Bombay Staff Corps to rejoin, to Ahmedabad.

Thomas, Captain, Bengal Commissariat Department, on furlough, to England.

Brownrigg, Captain, 60th Rifles, to join, to Peshawur.

NOVEMBE 5.

Smith, Captain, 85th Bengal Light Infantry, to join, to Dugshai.

Warner, Lieut., 2-12th Regiment, to join, to Subathoo.

Hale, Captain, 26th Cameronians, to join, to Fyzabad.

Blunt, Ensign, 2-12th Regiment, to join, to Subathoo.

Bamfield, Captain, 1-11th Regiment, to join, to Morar.

Bardin, Major, Madras Staff Corps, to join, to Kamptee.

NORTH-WESTERN PROVINCES ORDERS.

(*Government Gazette, N. W. Provinces*, Nov. 4.)

In supersession of the three months' privilege leave granted to Mr William Lumley Louis, Dist Supt of Police, Etah, in G O No 913A, dated 8th Sept last, preparatory leave for six weeks, with effect from 13th Sept last, to enable him to reach the port of embarkation.

Mr Wilson Oldham, offg Mag and Collr of Ghazeepore, two years' furlough to Europe, with effect from the 1st Dec 1871, together with the usual subsidiary leave.

Mr William Smoult Paterson, offg Civil and Sessions Judge of Furruckabad, to be a Civil and Sessions Judge, with effect from the date on which Mr Andrew Ross resigned the Civil Service.

Mr. E. Foster to officiate as District Supt of Police, Banda, during the absence on deputation of Mr. C. T. Castle, or until further orders.

Mr. Robert Lewis Forbes McMullin to be Asst District Supt of Police at Jounpore.

Mr Matthew Allen McConaghey, Settlement Officer, Mynpoory, to have charge of the Settlement of Mutra, in addition to his present duties.

Mr John Kelly, whose services have been placed at the disposal of this Govt, to be Civil Surg of Bustee.

Mr G T Castle, District Supt of Police, Banda, is transferred in the same capacity to Jounpore.

Under section 82 of the Indian Emigration Act (VIII. of 1871), the District Supts of Police, in each district in which recruiting for emigrants is carried on, is invested with the power of instituting prosecutions for offences committed against the Act.

The services of Dr Theodore D'Orville Partridge, FA SL, Civil Surg of Bustee, are placed at the disposal of the Govt of Bengal.

POSTAL NOTICES.

DEPARTURE OF OCEAN MAILS.

	Date.	Mail closes.	After packet.
United Kingdom	Nov. 11 ...	2 P.M. ...	3 P.M.
Kurrachee	,, 6 ...	11 A.M. ...	
Persian Gulf via Kurrachee..	,, 13 ...	11 A.M. ...	
China	,, 9 ...	9 A.M. ...	10 A.M.
Australia	,, 23 ...	9 A.M. ...	10 A.M.
Mauritius, Reunion, &c.....	Dec. 2 ...	2 P.M. ...	3 P.M.

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BOMBAY.

BIRTHS.

BARTLEY—November 5th, at Victoria Road, Byculla, Mrs. T. H. Bartley, of a son.

COSSER—October 26th, at Kurrachee, the wife of T. Cosser, Esq., of a daughter.

GAYER—November 1st, at Surat, the wife of Major Gayer, 13th Regiment N. I., of a son.

GOULDEN—November 4th, at Mount Road, Mazagon, Mrs. Catherine Goulden, of a son.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTHS.

AGUILAR—October 27th, at Monghyr, the wife of C. Aguilar, Esq., of a daughter.

CORBETT—October 26th, at Nynee Tal, the wife of C. W. Corbett, Postal Department, of a son.

HUTCHINSON—October 27th, at Dalhousie, the wife of Lt. J. B. Hutchinson, Assistant Commissioner, of a daughter.

KING—October 28th, at Darjeeling, the wife of Dr. King, Superintendent, Botanical Gardens, Calcutta, of a son.

PARSONS—October 29th, at Lullutpoor, the wife of J. D. Parsons, Esq., of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

FITZGERALD—GARSTIN—October 30th, at Cuddalore, by the Rev. Dr. Murphy, P. G. Fitzgerald, M.B., Surgeon Major, Madras Army, to Louisa Ch Hester, youngest daughter of the late General E. Garstin, Royal (Bengal) Engineers.

DEATHS.

CRONIN—October 26th, at Dinapore, of fever, Ellen, the beloved wife of John Cronin, Pensioner, aged 52 years.

HOGAN—November 1st, at Allahabad, Annie Hogan, the beloved wife of Apothecary G. Hogan, aged 30 years and 7 months.

MENZIES—October 21st, at Murree, John, the beloved son of J. T. and Susan Menzies, aged 4 years and 14 days.

SCOTT—October 30th, at Madras, of diphtheria, Jessie Winifred, aged 1 year and 10 months, daughter of Mr. A. T. Scott, of the Tract Society.

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Bombay Gazette Office, Bombay.

The Bombay Gazette.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1871.

ALTHOUGH Mr. Hope did not actually refuse last week to take charge of the Municipality of Bombay, he insisted on conditions which could not be complied with, so that we must look elsewhere for Mr. Crawford's successor. The principal difficulty raised by Mr. Hope did not lie, we believe, in the demand that Government should at once advance a large sum of money—Mr. Forbes had asked for ten lacs, and Mr. Hope increased the amount to thirteen—to make the pecuniary position of the Municipality perfectly safe. Considering that in June 1869 the Bench of Justices, in the letter to Government in which it expressed its extreme regret at the refusal of His Excellency in Council to appoint a committee of enquiry, formally disclaimed the responsibility for any further mischief that might happen, using the significant words, "The Bench feels no "security that future years will not bring *renew-* "*ed indebtedness for ordinary expenditure*," it is impossible for Sir Seymour Fitzgerald and his colleagues now to refuse the means of remedying the misfortune which the Justices, two years ago, foresaw and strove to avert. The loan of two lacs already granted by the Government to meet the "urgent necessities" of the Municipality may be accepted, therefore, as an earnest of the full recognition by the State of what it owes to Bombay for past negligence ; and we feel little doubt that whoever becomes Municipal Commissioner will not be asked to start with an empty treasury.

A more formidable obstacle to Mr. Hope's acceptance of the office was raised by the question what would be the amount of the Municipal Commissioner's pay. Some of the local reformers have, unwisely as we think, been clamouring for a reduction of the salary of Rs. 3,000 a month allowed to the Commissioner. It is surely better to get a man of first-rate capacity for this post, than to fix the pay so low that no one will care to take the appointment except as a stepping-stone to something better. Mr. Hope, however, would not have been satisfied even with Rs. 3,000 a month, and for a very good reason. A recent order, published in the *Gazette of India*, requires all servants of Government employed in Native States or by Municipalities to contribute one-fifth of their pay and allowances if they wish to retain a claim to the same absentee allowances and pension as they would be entitled to if they remained in the service of their own Government. By this rule, Mr. Hope's salary in Bombay would have been reduced from Rs. 3,000 to Rs. 2,400, while his pay as Collector of Surat is already Rs. 2,530 a month, so that he would actually have been a loser by the change of appointment. It was natural, therefore, that Mr. Hope should refuse to come here for less then Rs 3,750 a month, which would have left him just Rs. 3,000 as the real amount of his salary—a sum not more than equivalent to what he gets in the cheaper station of Surat, but more than the Municipality of Bombay can afford to pay. The Government has, in these circumstances, been compelled, however reluctantly, to give up its intention of bringing Mr. Hope to Bombay.

Who, then, will be our new Commissioner ? The Government is not likely to appoint any man who is not in the Service ; and, as we have seen, it is not worth the while of an up-country Collector to take the appointment. We need not say anything about Dr. Lumsdaine, whom a correspondent recommends for the post, because it is of no use to speak of men whose services are not available. But who so fit to be our Municipal Commissioner as the present Collector of Bombay, Mr. Arbuthnot ? We offered, some months ago, the suggestion that a considerable saving might be effected by amalgamating the two offices of Collector and Commissioner, and the same view was warmly advocated by Mr. Crawford two months ago in his Annual Report. "With the completion of the Survey," remarked the late Commissioner, "the appointment of "Collector will be unnecessary. The whole land "revenue recovered by him is only Rs. 1,60,000. "An experienced Survey officer will alone be "required ; the land revenue can be easily "recovered by Municipal agency. The super- "intendence of Stamps might be placed under "the Mint ; that of Stationery be handed "over to the Commissioner." Here, then, is the whole scheme sketched out for the Government. Besides the advantage to the city of the change, it would, we are sure, be rare sport to the enemies of Mr. Crawford "to see the engineer hoist with his own petard." The Commissioner wished to swallow up the Collector's office, it would be a delightful revenge to make his own appointment the appanage of the Collector. Personally, too, Mr. Arbuthnot is well qualified for the position. He knows Bombay thoroughly, is familiar with the value of land, the rent of houses, and the prices of labour and building materials in all parts of the island ; and he understands what improvements are wanted and what they ought to cost. He has the reputation of being a good man of business, and he has shown great independence as a Justice of the Peace, having invariably voted with the opposition in favour of retrenchment and reform. Mr. Arbuthnot's appointment would be agreeable to the general body of ratepayers and their representatives ; and it is but fair, and consistent with English practice, that a critic who distinguished himself by the soundness of his judgment in the contest which has ended in the overthrow of the late Municipal administration should now be offered the opportunity of showing what administrative skill he himself possesses.

AMONG the many military lessons which it is to be hoped the Camp of Exercise at Delhi may teach us, is the necessity of ameliorating the existing cumbrous system of camping out that causes Indian Armies to become a burden to their Generals, and their ponderous equipage a ready prey to *guerillas* clever and active enough to take advantage of what is manifestly our weak point when in the field. *Impedimenta* is, in fact, a most irksome drag upon the movements of an Indian field force, and yet there seems to be no reason why the traditional cumbersome equipage of Indian Armies should not be curtailed to reasonable dimensions. On the contrary, everything seems to point to such curtailment as a something most devoutly to be desired both by Generals and by troops. There was a time in India, but we trust that time is passing away, when we could only wage war upon the Oriental model ; that is to say, with acres of canvas and hosts of baggage animals in attendance. We believed it to be *infra dig.* to take the field without affecting a paltry imitation of the pomp and luxury distinguishing an army of Orientals on the march ; and the consequence was, nay, it even at present is, that, our moveable columns being remarkable for anything rather than their numerical strength, troops that can be ill spared from other duties must be detached to look after enormous baggage trains that are more a source of weakness and annoyance to us than of convenience or of strength,—in fact, but military nuisances rendered respectable through the traditions of military elders, but worse than useless through the expenses and vexations they confer upon all ranks of a field force.

But antiquated notions still prevail in India to the effect that the various grades of military society must maintain their dignity in the field by the quantity of tent canvas they can spread over their heads per rule and per regulation. Thus we have Generals' tents, Field Officers' tents, Subalterns' tents, &c., all purchaseable in the market at truly extravagant prices, although the last class of tent mentioned might be considered quite equal to the ordinary requirements of any General upon active service, and possibly a great deal too cumbersome for many when in hot pursuit of an enemy. Again, tradition forbids that officers of the Indian Army should, foreign fashion, carry a single tent for the accommodation of several ; it is not permitted that one man shall supply the pole, another the fly, another the *khanat*, and so on. The laws of our military Medes and Persians are stupidly rigorous on this point, and every Subaltern must drag about the country a huge tent for himself that would be deemed a most ridiculous article of luxury by any General of the German Army on a campaign. These canvas houses, of course, add considerably to the impediments of a field force. Their original cost is no trifle, and their conveyance from place to place a very serious expense to their unfortunate proprietors, and yet, after all, they are both so hot and so uncomfortable, that it is not uncommon to see officers on the march, or on field service, quit their tents in disgust to seek shade and a cool *siesta* under some neighbouring tree. As far as outside show is concerned, the camp equipage of the Indian Army is far superior to that of any other army in the world ; but for serviceable utility—well, perhaps, the less said about that the better ! It is not long since we admired the spectacle of an Indian regiment in camp. Upon a barren, sandy plain were long rows of tents glistening with a glare that made the head ache under the flaming mid-day sun. In the immediate vicinity of these tents was a large, shady tope of mango trees capable of affording natural shelter to half a dozen regiments, but rejected by the military, although a number of natives had very sensibly camped in comfort under its shelter and shade. Several of the officers were under the trees regarding their canvas houses at a distance ; and the scene struck us as so absurd, that we could not but laugh at the wiseacres who regard canvas barracks on the palatial model as necessities to the efficiency of troops on the march or campaign, and a splendid imposition on the natives. French or Prussian troops, with this fine tope available, would never have thought of pitching tents, even if they had them ; but routine was here paramount, and the tents of the various grades sweltered uselessly in the sun in all the grandeur of our British military way of knowing how not to do it. Surely, if the Delhi Camp puts an end to military folly so ridiculous, it will not have been assembled in vain.

We apprehend that an efficient substitute for the present cumbrous camp equipage in use with the Indian Army could be easily discovered without the display of any great ingenuity by the designer. A few sheets of waterproof canvas, cords, and light bamboo poles to be carried by groups of men and officers, as they pleased, might very properly take the place of the great canvas houses in which each man now sulks in solitary dignity ; and in the case of ordinary marches, and where ladies have to be accommod

of that interest for their subordinates which the Head of every Department should take, but which has been singularly wanting on the part of those who have been at the head of the Customs of late, or, more correctly speaking, since Mr. George Inverarity was Commissioner, to which gentleman's exertions may be placed the privileges, though few, which they (the Preventive Officers) now enjoy. In addition to the increased salaries which the Calcutta officers receive, there is another item—the fee. I believe a rupee an hour they receive for work performed before 8 A.M. and after 5 P.M., which must considerably augment it.

There are no such restrictions as to the hours of work at this port, consequently no extra money is earned by its officers, unless it be occasionally for night work, for which only an extra fee is charged. It will thus be seen that the Preventive Officers of this place do more work and receive less pay than those of Calcutta. This, as I said before, is an anomalous state of things, and should in fairness not be permitted. It may be asked why not seek redress, where it can be afforded, viz., from Government? But to do so without support would be madness, and that I don't think would be volunteered. Some, if not all, of the ills from which the Bombay Customs suffers may I think be attributed in a great measure to the constant changing of its Commissioners, who consequently have not the opportunity to thoroughly understand the working of the several Departments under them, more particularly the Preventive, which is totally foreign to them, and this limited knowledge of it may perhaps explain the indifference more or less shown for it.

With a hope, Mr. Editor, that you or some other good and able Samaritan will take up the cudgels on our behalf.—Yours, &c.

A PREVENTIVE OFFICER.

THE UNIVERSITY OF BOMBAY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—Will you kindly permit me to bring to the knowledge of the University Registrar, through the medium of your journal, the following :—

It is rumoured that 900 candidates are to appear for the ensuing Matriculation Examination, and, since this large number cannot be accommodated in the Town Hall, I believe that a part of them will be required to sit in the pandal which is being erected. Now, cannot the Registrar, Mr. James Taylor, make any better arrangements than to confine a large number of boys, say about 500, in a miserable pandal much resembling the Black-hole of Calcutta, with the burning heat of the Meridian sun beating over their heads?

It is a great way tends to abstract their minds from answering the questions. I say this from my own personal experience, for unluckily I was among the lot that were doomed to sit in the pandal last year, and, to say nothing but the truth, I could not answer most of the questions, not being accustomed to the scorching sun of India, which in a great way abstracted my mind; so I hope the Registrar will look into these matters, and provide a better place for candidates, especially when they pay the University fee.—Yours, &c.,

A EUROPEAN.

BOMBAY.

THE COWASJEE JEHANGHIER STATUE FUND.—We learn that upwards of Rs. 10,000 have been subscribed to the above fund.

MR. T. C. ANSTEY.—We learn that Mr. Anstey will proceed to Calcutta next Thursday to conduct an important case there.

ACCIDENT.—A Hindoo child, aged about two years, was on Saturday severely scalded by a pot of hot water falling on it. It was removed to the Jamsetjee Hospital.

HIGH COURT AND SMALL CAUSES COURT.—The summer vacation having terminated on Saturday, the High Court and the Small Causes Court will be reopened to-day.

VAGRANCY ACT.—Two European vagrants were on Saturday charged before the Senior Magistrate with being vagrants. They were sent to the Government Work-house attached to the House of Correction.

A WOMAN BURNED TO DEATH.—On Saturday an inquest was held at Khetwady concerning the death of Rasoo, woman. The jury found that the deceased's death was caused by shock, the result of her having been scalded.

SUSPECTED ACCIDENT AT SEA.—A country boat drifted ashore opposite the Gun Carriage Department on Saturday. No owner has appeared to claim it, and it is surmised that an accident may have occurred by which the occupants were drowned.

ABSENT WITHOUT LEAVE.—In the Fort Police Court on Saturday, before Mr. Connon, a seaman named Ferxier, of the ship Arabia, was charged with having absented himself without leave. He pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to three weeks' imprisonment.

THE MEDICAL TREATMENT OF DESTITUTE PERSIAN PARSEES.—The trustees of the fund of the late Dadabhoy Manockjee have promised to pay Rs. 500 per year out of the fund to the medical man attending the Persian Parsees now residing at the Chowpatty Dhurumsalla.

PROSECUTIONS UNDER THE CONTAGIOUS DISEASES ACT.—At the Fort Police Court on Saturday, before Mr. Connon, about fifty native prostitutes were charged, at the instance of Dr. Hewlett, with having failed to present themselves for examination under the Contagious Diseases Act. The Magistrate gave a warning to the women, and discharged them.

A SIGN OF THE TIMES—PARSEE LADIES AT AN ENGLISH BALL.—A native contemporary states that a few days ago the female members of a highly respectable Parsee gentleman were present at an English ball at Poona. The ladies, it is further stated, took a part in dancing with the English ladies. This is the first instance we know of Parsee ladies attending balls.

ALLEGED THEFT OF ORNAMENTS.—Mr. Vishnoo Gunnesh, pleader, appeared before Mr. Connon on Saturday on behalf of one Bya, woman. He said that some time ago his client charged one Sudashew with having robbed her of her ornaments. A warrant was sent to the Political Agent of Sawantwarree, whither the accused had absconded, but the accused had not yet been forwarded to Bombay. Mr. Vishnoo, therefore, asked the Magistrate to issue another warrant. The Magistrate refused.

HOW THE MONEY GOES AT BARODA.—It is stated that on the Dusserah holiday H. H. Mulharao presented Rs. 35,000 to a Brahmin at Baroda. The reason is not given for this handsome present. Probably it was due to a mixture of vanity, religion, and appreciation of services rendered, and, perhaps, to come; but the Brahmin is a very lucky fellow if he has been the victim of these combinations. We hear that H. H. Mulharao has offered a reward of Rs. 25,000 to the person or persons who shall trace out the parties who furnished certain information which has appeared in the pamphlet on Baroda, recently published by Mr. Dinshaw Ardasheer Talayarkhan, late of the *Gujerat Mitra*.

THE Deputy Nazir of Poona, who was suspended by R. I. Pinhey, Esq., the Judge, has been re-instated. —*Poona Observer*, Nov. 4.

THE Revenue and Police Commissioner, Southern Division, will leave this on Monday next with his establishment on a tour towards Khior.—*Ibid.*

THE WEATHER AT POONA.—The weather during the day has become very warm and oppressive; the mornings and evenings however are cool and pleasant. —*Ibid.*

THE RISE IN THE PRICE OF BREAD AT POONA.—In consequence of the rise in the price of wheat in the market, which is daily increasing, the bakers of the Poona and Kirkee Cantonments, and of the Civil Lines also, have raised the price of bread.—*Ibid.*

CRIMINAL BREACH OF TRUST BY A GOLDSMITH.—Narayen bin Lassett has been found guilty by Colonel G. C. Evezard, the Full-power Cantonment Magistrate, for criminal breach of trust, and was sentenced to three months' rigorous imprisonment. It appears that a sepoy of the 9th Regiment Native Infantry gave the accused his silver gurgota to repair, and that he pawned the same with a Marwarree shroff for the sum of rupees twenty-four.—*Ibid.*

EXTRAORDINARY CHARGE OF CHEATING.—One Coondoopunt Brahmin has laid a charge of cheating before Mr. G. B. Reid, 2nd Assistant Magistrate, against Crustna Harry, Bappoo Bhut Rungoopunt, and Gunnoo. All three accused falsely informed the complainant that if he would give them the sum of twelve hundred rupees, which the complainant did give them, they would show him a hidden treasure of considerable amount; but after the lapse of some days a copper pot containing pieces of iron, lead, and other rubbish was shown to him buried in one of the empty houses.—*Ibid.*

THE APPREHENDED FAMINE IN WESTERN INDIA.—We are no alarmists; but we think there is every likelihood of extreme distress coming near our very doors. If there is a seasonable fall of rain above the Ghauts within the next two weeks, the worst may yet be averted. Otherwise a sore trial awaits us for which each and all ought to be well prepared. Scarcity of water in the Northern Konkan, Gujerath, Khandish, and parts of the Deccan, is unavoidable, and we are anxiously waiting to see what measures of relief are being inaugurated by the State to meet the dire emergency. Prices are rising steadily, and each week makes a perceptible diminution in the buyer's resources. We have accounts from Sholapur, Poona, Nassick, and Khandish, all in the same unmistakable direction. This is a cloud overhanging our Diwali season, and likely to exercise a very depressing influence in our festivities.—*Native Opinion.*

THE PERSIAN RELIEF FUND.—Charity begins at home; but it ought not to end there. And accordingly, Bombay is trying to do her duty by her neighbours of old Iran, although conscious that she will soon have to bestir herself for objects nearer home. An influential Committee has been appointed, at a meeting held in the Town Hall last Wednesday, the Hon'ble Mr. Mangaldas presiding. We are glad the Mofussil people will be asked to contribute; for it is in such trials that people begin to appreciate each other. Suppose each family spares the superfluities of one Diwali holiday, what will that amount to? One day for Iran, and another for Gujarath and the Dekhan, and we are sure the pleasure of giving help will be more agreeable and elevating than that of letting off fireworks, looking at insipid and enervating nautches, and feasting with friends. India is the home of charity, and Bombay has always taken the lead in such good works, and we hope she will not now be behind, although the community is not now in the position it occupied some years ago. —*Ibid.*

SHIPPING ITEMS.

THE SHIP DENMARK, Pope, master, from Liverpool to Bombay, is reported to have put into Rio de Janeiro, leaky.

THE S. S. TAPTEE, Captain De Costa, arrived on Saturday from Cutch with a general cargo, and the following passengers:—Mr. J. Melville, and one hundred and forty-three deck passengers.

WE hear that the owners of the ship Lady Melville have decided not to go to the expense of lifting her. Query—Will the Government be obliged to do so, and who will pay the expense?—*Englishman.*

THE China papers report the total loss of the well-known tea clipper Taeping, on Ladds Reef, just after starting on her voyage to New York with a cargo of tea. The vessel had only just received a thorough repair, after the injuries she sustained in the late typhoon.

THE S.S. ETHIOPIA, Captain A. Scott, arrived on Saturday from the Persian Gulf, via Kurrachee, with a general cargo and the following passengers:—Mr. and Mrs. Cummings and six children, Major Weir, Captain Davidson, Lieutenant McMath, Mr. L. Mahomed, and twenty-seven deck passengers.

THE *Englishman* of Friday mentions that Captain E. J. Butler, First Assistant Master Attendant, Bankshall, was to proceed to the Sundarbans houses of refuge to search for survivors of a wreck reported to the Master Attendant by the pilots in the outer stations. This wreck is that of a large passenger ship, name unknown.

THE SHIP MARITANA, Macdonald, master, Bombay to Liverpool, which put into the Cape of Good Hope on 20th May last, was sold by auction, it having been found impossible to repair her for £1,010. The cargo will be forwarded to Liverpool by other vessels, but great delay might take place, as tonnage was very scarce.

THE following passengers arrived at Calcutta on the 2nd instant by the s.s. Dacca from Bombay and the Coast:—

Mrs. Patterson, Miss Ward, Miss Tathrupe, Miss Candy, Mr. Galiffe, Mr. Hogg, Mr. Spink, Mr. Hay, Mr. Watson, Mr. Jenkins, Mr. Bianconi, Mr. and Mrs. Bonnerjar and child, a native, nine gentlemen, Miss Harding, Miss Ravenshaw, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson and child, Mr. McPherson, Captain Murray, Mr. McIntosh, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander and 2 children, Mr. Sykes, 6 men, 1 woman, and 2 children, 79th Highlanders and 15 natives.

CANAL STEAMERS.

THE STEPHENSONS left Suez on the 23rd ult., and should arrive here about next Friday. The Ispahan was in the Canal on the 26th idem; no other steamer is now on the way.—The Nebraska was to leave London on the 4th November, so should arrive here early next month.—The Xantho, 1,600 tons, would follow in a few days.—The Abbotsford, 695 tons, would leave Liverpool on 10th November, and the Nemesis, 2,717 tons, about the same time. These two steamers are chartered, the former to load at Carwar, and the latter at Bombay. —Austrian Lloyd's new steamer Flora, 2,320 tons, was to leave Trieste on 7th instant, and the Egitta left Genoa on 24th October. The following steamers were advertised for Bombay when the last mail left London:—Atalanta, 2,274 tons; Hutton, 2,200 tons (to sail end of November); St. Olaf, 1,935 tons, early in December.) Outward cargo was with difficulty procurable; some of the steamers had been compelled to fill up with coke and coal, and several that were previously advertised had been withdrawn altogether.

STATE OF THE TIDE AT BOMBAY.

HIGH WATER.				NOVEMBER.		LOW WATER.			
Time.		Height.				Time.		Height.	
H.	M.	FT.	IN.			H.	M.	FT.	IN.
5	31 m	3	8			11	55 m	0	9
5	23 a	0	8	Monday...	6	11	34 a	2	7
6	50 m	2	11	Tuesday...	7	1	16 a	1	7
7	5 a	1	4	.....	.....	.....		.....	
7	48 m	3	6	Wednesday...	8	1	7 m	2	7
8	29 a	2	5			2	23 a	3	3
8	33 m	4	2			2	28 m	2	10
9	23 a	3	10	Thursday ...	9	3	7 a	4	7
9	21 m	4	7			3	20 m	3	7
10	5 a	4	4	Friday ...	10	3	42 a	5	11
9	50 m	5	4			4	4 m	4	4
10	44 a	6	7	Saturday. ...	11	4	18 a	7	3
10	33 m	5	9			4	43 m	4	7
11	27 a	7	5	Sunday ...	12	4	54 a	8	4

New Moon—12th, 9h. 50m. p.m.

ADDITIONAL PASSENGERS BY THE HOMEWARD MAIL.

THE P. and O. Co.'s s.s. Columbian, 2,201 tons and 500 h. p., Captain W. D. Anderson, sailed on Saturday last for Aden and Suez with the English mail, and the following additional passengers:—

For Southampton—Mr. Gray, and Mr. Clarke.
For Brindisi—Mr. and Mrs. Capel, and Mr. Preston.

THE WEATHER AND THE CROPS.

DHARWAR COTTON REPORT.

DHARWAR, 1st NOVEMBER.

OUR latest home telegram is dated Liverpool October 26th, market strong, fair Dhollera worth 7¾d. per lb.

The past fortnight has been a very inanimate one with us as far as business is concerned, not a single transaction having taken place, either on European or native account. We had heavy rains all over the district during the first half of the fortnight under review, which were evidently the wind-up of the monsoon, and prevented supplies coming into market from the villages; and during the latter half the Dussera holidays have entirely obstructed business.

There is little enquiry on European account, except for firm offers which are difficult to procure at present, as dealers are anxious to close off former transactions, which the rain has lately prevented their doing, before entering upon fresh ones. Bombay native firms are still reported behind-hand in their purchases here on Bombay account, but they are not likely to make any progress until delivery on European account has been completed.

We quote Sawginned Rs. 240, Compta Rs. 220 f. o. b. Carwar, all December, usual terms.

The rains being now entirely over, all our roads, both district and coastwise, are open for the season, and despatches on a large scale are daily taking place.

There is little or no cotton being sent either to Carwar or Compta for sale, and the stocks at both ports are *nil*; only one Bombay dealer is shipping his cotton via Compta; all the others are preferring Carwar at present. Sawginned is nominally Rs. 235, and Compta Rs. 205 per candy f. o. b.

The crops are everything that can be wished for, and present appearances for both cotton and grain are most favourable.

The ship British Sovereign, Davis, master, which arrived at Bombay from Newcastle, N.S.W., on the 26th ultimo, had been chartered to load a full cargo of cotton from Carwar to Liverpool at £2-17-6, with lay days to 15th December, and is expected to come down to Carwar about the middle of this month.

The shipments from Carwar are as follows:—

	Sawginned.		Compta.	
	Bales.	Doorus.	Bales.	Doorus.
From Sept. 22 to Oct. 23.....	0	1,334	0	182
Previously reported.....	215	237	0	0
Total.....	215	1,571	0	182

EXCHANGE has been easier the last week, and 16 days' sight bills on Bombay are saleable at ½ per cent. discount.

ROBERTSON BROTHERS & Co.,
Represented in Bombay by Messrs. Blay & Mackintosh.

"DO you cast things here?" inquired a Yankee other day, as he sauntered into a foundry and addressed the the proprietor. "You cast all kinds of things in iron, eh?" was the next query. "Certainly—don't you see that it is our business?" "Ah! well *cast a shadow*, will you?" He was cast out, and referred to a *brass foundry*.

BAD NEWS FOR CHAMPAGNE DRINKERS.—A letter from Rheims says that the vintage in Champagne is the worst ever remembered. Everything has contributed to injure the vines. In the first place the Prussian invasion did not permit the plant to receive the necessary culture, then the late frosts destroyed a large quantity of the buds, and finally the hail ravaged much of what remained.

BOMBAY UNIVERSITY.

WE understand that 1,212 candidates are to appear at the forthcoming examination of the Bombay University. Of these 975 are for Matriculation, 135 for F. A., 58 for B. A., 4 for M. A., 4 for LL.B., 6 for L. M., 22 for first examination in Civil Engineering, and 8 for final examination in Civil Engineering.

The matriculation examination commences from the 20th inst.

TO ENGLAND FOR £15!

MESSRS. JOHNSON AND Co., ship brokers, we notice, advertise that they are prepared to give passages to Liverpool for £15, in the s. s. European, a vessel of 2,600 tons register, and 450 horse power, which is to sail by way of the Suez Canal in January next. The £15 includes food, and the arrangements on board will be much the same as those in Liverpool emigrant vessels.

THE "INDIAN ANTIQUARY."

WE regret to find that we have omitted to mention that in January next a new monthly journal will be published in Bombay, entitled the "Indian Antiquary." This journal is intended as a medium of communication between Oriental scholars in India, Europe, and America, and as a repertory for information on the antiquities, history, geography, literature, religion, mythology, natural history, ethnology, and folk-lore of India and the adjoining countries; and considering the great scope of India as a field for the antiquary, the articles appearing in the new journal ought to be interesting in the highest degree, not only to the professed antiquarian, but even to those who cannot afford to devote their time to antiquarian researches. Mr. James Burgess, who is well known throughout India as devoted to antiquarian research, will edit the journal.

THE COLABA SHOOTING CASE.

ON Saturday, in the Fort Police Court, John Gribbin, private in H. M.'s 49th Regiment, was placed before John Connon, Esq., Senior Magistrate, and charged with voluntarily causing grievous hurt to George Henry Dixon, trumpet major in the same regiment.

Mr. Inspector Price, who is in charge of the case, said that the Public Prosecutor was absent from Bombay.

Dixon's leg had been amputated, and he still lies in a precarious state in the hospital at Colaba.

Shortly afterwards Mr. Peile (of Messrs. Hearn, Cleveland, and Peile,) appeared in Court, and said that there was some little difficulty in getting the evidence, and therefore asked the magistrate to postpone the case.

The case was accordingly postponed till Friday, the 17th inst., at half-past 2 P.M.

ASSAULTING A SHERIFF'S OFFICER, AND OTHERS.

WRIT OF EXECUTION AGAINST THE PERSIAN CONSUL.

AT the Fort Police Court, on Saturday, before the Senior Magistrate, a number of Moguls in the service of the Persian Consul were charged with committing an assault against the person of a bailiff, and others, while in the execution of their duty.

Mr. Malins, Deputy Sheriff, who was present in Court, stated that a writ of attachment had been issued from the High Court against Meerza Fazulkhan, the Persian Consul in Bombay. A bailiff, with some peons, went the other day with the execution creditor, Cursetjee Hormusjee Dhunaputale, to attach the property of the Consul, when they were severely assaulted by several Moguls. They were obliged to take the assistance of the police, who were also assaulted. Mr. Malins said that there seemed to be a chance of the decree being satisfied, and therefore asked his Worship to postpone the case.

The Magistrate—What about the outrage?

Mr. Malins—The assault on the police was not severe.

Mr. Shapoorjee, solicitor, who appeared on behalf of the execution creditor, stated that he had no instructions to withdraw the charge. It was the Persian Consul who instigated his men to commit such an outrageous assault, and he (Mr. Shapoorjee) would therefore ask his Worship to issue a summons against the Consul on a charge of assault. The assault was not only with fists, but with sticks.

The Magistrate said that he ought to hear some evidence before granting a summons.

The case was then postponed till Thursday, the 9th inst.

HIGH COURT.—6TH NOVEMBER.

(Before the Hon. Sir CHARLES SARGENT.)

FOR JUDGMENT.

606-69—Judge—Hajee Sulemun Hajee Sojun and others *vs.* Hajee Moosa Hajee Sojun and others—Aclan1, Prentis, and Bishop.

370-70—J. Gopall—Rahimbhai Dhurrumsey and others vs. Rahimbhai Hubibbhoy—Dallas and Lynch.

SUITS FOR HEARING AND FINAL DISPOSAL.

LONG CAUSES.

484-70—Rimington, Hore, and Langley—Rahimbhoy Hubibbhoy and another vs. Rahimoobhoy Dhurrumsey—J. Gopall.

485-70—Rimington, Hore, and Langley—Ahmedbhoy Hubibbhoy vs. The same—J. Gopall.

352-70—Acland, Prentis, and Bishop—Culliandas Kerparam vs. Toolseydas Kissendas—Rimington, Hore, and Langley.

326-70—Leathes and Crawford—Pestonjee Furdoonjee and others vs. Cowasjee Nowrojee and others—Manisty and Fletcher.

567-70—Manisty and Fletcher—Runchordas Toolseydas vs. Natha Jadowjee—Hearn, Cleveland, and Peile.

660-70—C. Tyabjee—Mathoordas Mooljee vs. The Agra Bank, Limited—Manisty and Fletcher.

455-70—C. Tyabjee—Lalla Kutchra, and others vs. Mrs. Marian Thomas—Jefferson and Payne.

299-69—Manisty and Fletcher—Luckmidas Narrondas vs. Moorar Poonja—Rimington, Hore, and Langley.

194-70—Shamrao Pandoorung—Purshotum Shama Senoy vs. Wasudew Crusina Senoy—Jefferson and Payne.

662-68—C. Tyabjee—Kerbadjee Hormusjee vs. Brijvullubdas Jugjeevandas—Dallas & Co.

551-70—Manisty and Fletcher—Bharnal Purbut, &c., vs. G. F. Pim, &c.—Dallas and Lynch.

(Before the Hon. Mr. Justice BAYLEY.)

FOR JUDGMENT.

657-70—Dr. Dallas (for pauper)—Peter de Souza vs. Joseph de Costa—Rimington, Hore, and Langley.

SUITS FOR HEARING AND FINAL DISPOSAL.

LONG CAUSES.

653-70—Dallas and Lynch—Cooverbace, widow, vs. Maneckbace, widow,—C. Tyabjee—Part heard.

553-70—Acland, Prentis, and Bishop—Hajee Jeewa Noor Mahomed vs. Abubooker Ebraim—C. Tyabjee—Part heard.

687-70—K. Morojee—Cassiram Ramjee vs. Crustnarao Rugoonathjee—Shamrao Pandoorung.

545-70—J. Cleary—Jejeebhoy Pestonjee Lalla and others vs. The Mazagon Land and Reclamation Company, Limited—Manisty and Fletcher

677-70—Leathes and Crawford—The Bombay Gas Company vs. Cursondas Nensee—Hearn, Cleveland, and Peile.

553-70—C. Tyabjee—Lulloobhoy Bappoobhoy vs. Mancoverbace —Hearn, Cleveland, and Peile.

984-70—Hearn, Cleveland, and Peile—Sam Mendel vs. Francis Martin and others—Leathes and Crawford.

655-68—Shamrao Pandurang—Sha Vakhutchund Luckmichund vs. The Advocate General and others—Hearn, Cleveland, and Peile.

746-68—Macfarlane and Skipsey—Hurgopal Premsookdas and others vs. Abdoolkhan Hajee Mahomed—Acland, Prentis and Bishop.

920-68—Jefferson and Payne—Oomedbhoy Hathesing and others vs. Muggonlall Hurgovandas and others—Thacker and Chalk.

689-68—Macfarlane and Skipsey—Kessowjee Jadowjee and others vs. A. Fulcher and others—Hearn, Cleveland, & Peel.

PARSEE THEATRICALS—THE ELPHINSTONE DRAMATIC CLUB.

IT says a good deal for the enterprise and love of the drama among Parsees that they should have started one or two societies in Bombay for the encouragement and practice of the delightful art of Roscius. In their performances they may not be all that could be desired, judging them by a European standard; yet we ought to be thankful for even small mercies in this particular, and be inclined to regard them very leniently. Even in some degree they keep the stage before us. Were it not for our Parsee performers, possibly—such is the neglect of our city by the professional votaries of the sock and buskin—the drama might soon become utterly forgotten by us in the whirl of business, or at best exist only in dim recollections of nights at the Strand or the Haymarket, in which, from the hold they take upon the plastic brains of juvenility, a Clown, a Harlequin, a very big-faced giant, or a much-abused and long-suffering policeman, might bid fair to stand out in the greatest conspicuousness. Shakspeare and the other mighty ones of the dramatic field we might be inclined to read, on a happy thought, but far better would we be pleased if their creations passed before us on the stage, in flesh and blood, and we saw others doing what we are often too indolent to imagine, and heard them say what, in these hot parts, we scarcely ever feel inclined to read. Of course, our Parsee friends do not fill the gap entirely. Shakspeare, for instance, sometimes gets very original readings from them—not less interesting, perhaps, because they are original, but it is rather a blow at our sense of the proprieties to hear occasionally a Romeo declaiming love and eternal devotion in a shrill commercial voice to a practical-looking, straight-chested Juliet with just the *soupçon* of a moustache curling under the nose; or the characters in our good English comedy treated all around to a sameness never possibly existing in the charming and varied original—the beautiful but afflicted maiden speaking to her father in precisely the same quality and height of voice that he does, though probably actuated by very different passions—she with love and he with anxiety for the main chance—the servant, if he be a comic fellow making very broad grins and screeching in a uniform key, and the motions of all, in drawing-room or kitchen, scarcely what might be looked for even from an Audrey taken straight from the hay field and invested with chirpou and tight kid boots. But notwithstanding all this we would not have it imagined that our Parsee amateurs do badly, all things considered. On the contrary, they surmount difficulties which would stagger many a European. Language has to be acquired; hints of habits totally different from those they meet in their own society have to be gathered or guessed at; properties and the necessary paraphernalia of the stage have to be procured—not an easy thing, by any means, in India;—and we are not sure that sometimes difficulties of a social kind have not to be encountered and overcome. So great is the difference between Parsee social life and European that probably an Englishman present at a Parsee representation of a European play may look on with similar feelings to those which might be expected from Æschylus if he could temporarily recover from the fatal effects of the eagle's confusion of ideas regarding his bald head, and come back and witness our revival of a Grecian play, and the attempts of moderns to ape to life the ancients. Nevertheless the attempts might be very clever and ingenious, and, as we have already said, due allowance must be made for circumstances. All praise, then, to such societies as the Parsee Elphinstone Dramatic! They do a good work if even they excite an interest in the great and rich stores of the European drama.

On Thursday night the Grant Road Theatre was crowded in every part on the occasion of the first appearance for the season of this company. "A Fish out of Water" led off the ball—figuratively speaking, of course, for dancing is not an ichthyological accomplishment. This comedy—on second thoughts, it must have been a farce—was thoroughly amusing, and the players were immediately installed in the dramatic appreciation of their countrymen. *Sir George Courtly's* representative had a very good make-up, though even for an English gentleman, who happened to be troubled with matrimonial business on hand, the face was too ashy, and the hair too long. *Sam Savoury* was very broad in his humour, and grotesque in his actions, and he got applauded at times till he could scarcely hear his own voice, which is saying a great deal for the heartiness of the applause. *Sam* was best in his orthographical attempts. *Miss Ellen Courtly—place aux dames!* we should have mentioned the lady first and foremost—succeeded in appearing a very nice creature—hair a little too tightly screwed round the back of the head, the bust too conspicuous for its absence, and the hands too anxious to tuck up the short-skirted gown, perhaps—but nevertheless not a bad lady, considering she was a gentleman. *Alderman Gayfare* and *Charles Gayfare* were also fairly represented—the former would have been a withering sarcasm on an English Alderman had he been present, but fortunately he wasn't.

After the "Fish out of Water" had got into its proper element, the romantic drama of the "Robber of the Rhine" came on the boards. To read the list of the *dramatis personæ* and their occupations would alone indicate a romance, for the tale is a romance that could easily pass for a product of the mint of the Hartz Mountains or some such sanatuary of German *diablerie* and mystery—it contains a murder or two, a convent, a very dreadful robber named Scinderhannes, a witch—(the "hag of the tomb," she is)—a mendicant robber, a funny fellow, a chattering old lady, who looks after the Inn of the Good Woman without a Head, and a startling *denouement*. Here was abundant scope for variety and originality of treatment. We would be unfair to our Parsee amateurs if we said they did not do justice both to the variety and the originality. *Scinderhannes* found an appreciative exponent in Mr. Khandalawala; *Peter the Black*, in Mr. S. N. Cooper. As *Count Aymerie Bremen*, Mr. Nazir dressed, spoke out, and acted bravely. Sir *Guyman Guffin's* representative gave considerable amusement, but he was eclipsed by his valet, Mr. Jacob Joskyns, who had little to do, but did that little well—"very," to use his own monologue. The gentleman who represented *Liese*, the landlady, skipped about very primly, very neatly tucked up the sides of his frock, like a little girl going to make a courtesy, and gave various other evidences of being a studious observer of Continental landladies. The "Hag of the Tomb," by Mr. N. Parukh, was quite an intere sting creature, and very agreeably delivered herself of the horrors that fell to the lot of that lady in her own little drama of existence. Mr. Parukh, as indeed were all the performers, was frequently heartily applauded. Of course a few hitches occurred—for instance that seminude scene-shifting cooly *would* insist upon making his side take part in what was going on, especially at the pathetic or the very exciting parts, and the "visions of the past" seemed fonder of staying where they were than coming on the stage—but these were inseparable from a first performance and a short rehearsal. The scenery, occasionally independent of perspective, decisiveness of outline, or any of these other trifles indulged in by some scenic artists, was appropriate and adaptive—the moon, for instance, was very handy and brilliant, and was loudly applauded on each of its appearances at a startling juncture. The vocal selections, in solo and duet, though we cannot conscientiously say they were good, still, we think, scarcely warranted the question, "Who's that scraping at the door?" being put to us by an inharmonious soul sitting near us. Altogether, a very agreeable night was spent with the efforts of the Parsee dramatic Elphinstonians.

At the conclusion of the plays, Mr. Nazir made a short statement, apologising for what may have gone wrong, and attributing it to the short rehearsal that was rendered inevitable by the occupation of the Theatre by Mr. Heller; but he need scarcely have done this, because the company acquitted themselves so fairly in what they did that little was left to apologise for. He intimated that a new performance of "Aladdin" was shortly to be produced at a cost of Rs. 5,000. This statement was received with an enthusiasm which betokened that the second performance of the Parsee Elphinstone Dramatic Club is not very likely to perish for want of sustenance.

ENGLISHMEN AND NAUTCHES.

ENGLISHMEN in India get rid of many insular prejudices, and sometimes, in their eagerness to give a broad horizon to their minds, discard something more than prejudices. There is a difference freedom and license, and this seems to be overlooked by those who write approvingly of *nautches*. We have often in former years earnestly protested against the countenance given by many Europeans to these lewd entertainments. There are many among our native friends who have been brought to feel the gross impropriety of countenancing them, and who are completely staggered when they see European gentlemen and ladies attending them. The latter know not the meaning of the *lawanyá* or amatory songs sung on these occasions, but they know what those who sing and dance in them are by profession, and ought to know that nothing can well be more injurious to themselves, in the eyes of thoughtful natives, than their attendance at such entertainments. Surely there are other and better ways of showing civility and kindness to the natives, than by assisting at nautches. In Bombay we have an annual entertainment in honour of an idol, given by a native gentleman, and European ladies and gentlemen attend it, by invitation. Christians, however, feel that they are forbidden by the word of God 'to have fellowship with these unfruitful works of darkness,' but are rather required 'to reprove them;' as lights in the world, witnesses for Christ, they are to testify against them.—*Bombay Guardian.*

INDIAN ITEMS.

MR. BRAMLEY, the Judge of Allygurh, has given Rs. 5,000 for the purchase of a house to serve as a dispensary.

DURING the month of August last the value of imports into Ladak amounted to Rs. 53,597, and that of exports to Rs. 19,044.

MR. R. TAYLOR, C. S., has received charge of the offices of Accountant-General and Deputy Commissioner of Paper Currency, Lahore Circle.

JAISHIRAM MEMORIAL.—It is proposed to raise a fund to be applied to some purpose of general utility as a memorial of the much-lamented Munshi Jaishiram, late Officiating Judge of the Lahore Small Cause Court.

IT is rumoured that Mr. R. E. Maugles will be appointed Sessions Judge of Mozufferpore, and that Mr. F. B. Peacock will be permanently appointed as Junior Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

THE *Indian Mirror* says:—The Rev. C. H. A. Dall, Unitarian Missionary in Calcutta, was formally admitted into the Brahmo Somaj, on Wednesday evening, in the presence of Miss Chamberlain and a good number of Brahmo gentlemen.

DR. DAY, who has been appointed to report on the fisheries in India, arrived in Kurrachee a couple of weeks ago. He visited Khan Bahadoor Morad Khan's irrigational works at the Hubb river the other day, and left for Sukkur on Saturday last.—*Sindian.*

FEVER AT KOTREE.—We regret to learn that fever is prevailing to a great extent at Kotree and Tatta. At the latter place, the Dispensary is daily overcrowded, and it is complained that the present dispensary, irrespective of the fact that it has no suitable quarters for the apothecary in charge, does not afford sufficient accommodation to indoor patients. Now that Colonel Lambert has returned, we hope the subject will receive his consideration.—*Ibid.*

HIGHWAY ROBBERY IN SIND.—A Sindee Brahmin, named Chandoo, left Kurrachee on the 25th instant in company with the driver of the camel he had engaged and a guide, and made the Hubb river the following morning. When they had travelled a few miles beyond the Hubb, six men fell upon them, and binding their eyes, robbed them of all the property they possessed, including the camel, valued at Rs. 245. The robbers, however, restored everything belonging to the guide. The Brahmin and the camel-man on procuring another camel returned to Kurrachee on Friday last.—*Sind News.*

A NATIVE contemporary reports an accident which happened quite recently on the Delhi Railway bridge. It seems that when the 7 A.M. train reached the bridge, some two hundred bullocks which were then passing over the bridge took fright and ran in different directions. Ten of them ran on the line, four were killed, and the rest severely wounded. Fortunately the train received no injury from the accident, and did not deviate from its course.

ABSURD.—The *Friend of India* mentions a report that in a district of Bengal distant lately obtained information that a man, who had recently been a companion of the assassin Abdulla, and had travelled with him throughout Burdwan, Hooghly, and Rajmahal, was to be found at a certain *mujid*. On going there, however, the magistrate found that the man in question had died, and been buried *just two days previously*. A number of suspiciously-worded papers belonging to the deceased were secured, which the *Friend* hopes will be made over to Messrs. Reilly and O'Kinealy for elucidation.

COTTON GRAFTING.—Major Trevor Clark, who has devoted himself enthusiastically to a series of experiments in cotton cultivation, and to whom we are indebted for several valuable hybrid varieties, has succeeded in grafting a cotton seedling upon a different stock. What the practical result of this curious experiment may be remains to be seen, but it is quite possible that a delicate fine cotton may be vastly strengthened by grafting it upon a hardier stock.—*Pioneer.*

MR. FREER, of the 21st Fusiliers, left Madras for England by the last mail steamer.—*Examiner.*

THE defamation case, which was to have been tried at Deyrah on the 25th ultimo, was, after a short hearing, postponed to the 2nd of December.—*Englishman.*

WE hear that Mr. Robert Turnbull, Secretary to the Justices for the Town of Calcutta, will proceed to England in February next on leave of absence.—*Ibid.*

OPIUM SALE.—The following is the result of the opium sale held at the Government Sale-room, No. 2, Baukshall Street, on the 2nd November:—

	Chests.	Highest.	Lowest.	Average.	Proceeds.
Behar...	3,665	1,590	1,580	1,582	6 5 42,17,100 0 0
Benares	1,965	1,555	1,545	1,548	0 9 25,77,600 0 0

THE DECIMALISATION OF THE COINAGE.—We publish in another column the reply of the Calcutta Trades Association to the inquiries of Government regarding the advisability of decimalising the Indian coinage. The view they take of the matter, it will be seen, accords with that of the Madras Chamber of Commerce, already noticed by us.—*Ibid.*

PROSPECTS OF THE CROPS IN BENGAL.—The official reports from the different districts in Bengal during the week ended the 28th October continue favourable, with the exception of parts of Chota Nagpore and Orisa, where rain is wanted. At Godda, also, we are told that the prospects are most favourable. Want of rain has done great injury to paddy, and considerable loss is apprehended if it does not rain soon. The health of the people is only reported upon in two districts—Nuddea, where the "general health is said to be pretty good, but many cattle are dying," and Nowgong, where sickness is reported as decreasing.—*Ibid.*

AN ASSAULT "IN THE EYE OF THE LAW."—At the Calcutta Police Court on Wednesday, Mr. Thomas Attwood Counsell charged, as above, Henry Munrow, a neighbour of his, together with two ladies, Mrs. Fitzgerald and Mrs. Maloney, who (the ladies), however, did not appear, having

open to more serious objection than anything that can be said against Galle. This, however, has not been proved, and we are certain that Madras will ultimately be the port whence the China mails will be despatched, and probably by that time the Australian mails will take a more direct route than by either Galle or Madras. The route for all mails between London and the East Indies and China is clearly through Bombay, and for China through Madras also.

"The league long rollers of Madras are far less dangerous than the crests of the sunken rocks which stave in the bottoms of ships. And the route across India to China would surely attract more people than the dreary route, flirting excepted, by water. A new trade would be made and we might have weekly mails to China, if the line from Rangoon through the Shan territory is opened to Western China; we might have even more frequent communication."

THE COURT-MARTIAL AT MURREE.

COLONEL LOWE'S DEFENCE.

(Continued from Friday's "Gazette.")

I HAVE only to observe on this part of the charge that the money raised by me was not a *surplus* fund, as such funds are understood in the department. The actual surplus fund was that mentioned by Mr. Kelly, 'as to which he was closely examined. That surplus funds exist or have until very lately existed in other offices than the Peshawur office, is clear from the evidence of Mr. Kelly, and is known not only to every one in the department, but to most people outside who know anything of the working of Commissariat Executives, a *personal* responsibility attaches to officers allowing them, as is shown by Circular No. 5 of 12th February 1863; but there the matter ends, and if an officer occupying the position which I held chose to incur such a responsibility, he might answer departmentally for creating such funds, but the idea of bringing him before a court-martial to explain or justify his conduct must be simply absurd. Perhaps the best corroboration or proof of what I say is to be found in the fact that I am not brought before this Court on any distinct or specific charge involving such an explanation on my part. There are many charges against me; but I do not find amongst them one so outrageous as to call for a finding whether or no I have committed any offence cognizable by a Military Court in keeping or creating a surplus fund.

My sole object in *raising the money*, which by a misname has been converted into a "*surplus fund*" was this. I assumed charge of the Peshawur Executive Commissariat office on the 4th January 1867, and the most urgent operations were ordered to commence throughout my division, comprising Peshawur, Nowshera and Attock, on the 1st May in that year. I had only three months to make all my preparations for the adoption of this experimental system, and I was allowed certain license by the head of the department to start it as well and efficiently as I could. I therefore used my own discretion. I obtained sanction for the amount expended over the two sheds, one for bullocks, the other for sheep, for which had this agency not been a new system, I must first of all have sent an estimate. When the slaughter-house was completed I saw that the amount exceeded my sides of such a building. To save delay, and knowing that I should, so far from saddling Government with any expense in paying for the work without any cost to Government, I determined in my dealings with the sellers of slaughter cattle and sheep to raise the necessary funds in the way I have explained; that after realising the money in this way for about [illegible] still had to work off some March 1868, that I took the Honorary Ensign Cooper to Honorary Ensign Cooper's om March to July 1868 erection of the slaughter-From that time (July 1868), owing to the prevalence of cyst, I had to discontinue realizing the money myself, and to look to Honorary Ensign Cooper's sole assistance to pay for the sheep-pen and minor contingencies. I explain this: Cyst rejections materially diminished my stock, and left me at the mercy of the dealers, so that I was compelled to discontinue the taxation on them. If I have done anything in this contrary to departmental rules, I am and always have been ready to answer for my conduct, and should the money expended by me on the slaughter-house for the benefit of the Government, not a pice of which ever came out of Government or public funds, be retrenched me for any reason that can be assigned, I am ready to pay it.

The 2nd charge alleges that I received for my private use cattle and sheep, value Rs. 300, the property of Government, and never paid for them. This charge depends entirely upon the evidence of officiating Sub-Conductor Smith. An accusation such as that which he here brings against me, is simple, and easy enough to make, and impossible to meet except with the most indignant denial; it is totally uncorroborated, and proceeds from a man against whose character the prosecution were compelled to put the Court on their guard. So long as I hold my commission, I would not stoop to bandy words with officiating Sub-Conductor Smith over such a charge emanating from him, and unsupported as it is by a tittle of proof. Requiring no artifice or ingenuity for its invention, it is a fabrication as simple as it is base.

The 3rd charge which would make me responsible for the acts of officiating Sub-Conductor Smith and the meat agent Nawab Ali in charging for more fodder than was consumed, I have necessarily touched upon already, and have but little more to say. Apart from the evidence of officiating Sub-Conductor Smith and Nawab Ali, to which I have sufficiently adverted, there is the order of the 17th of June 1869. I cannot in any way admit that I am responsible for that production, or that it contains anything that can fix me with a knowledge of what had been or was going on with reference to the fodder. It was written behind my back, and there is no letter of mine forthcoming to show that I authorized or dictated a line of it. To show that I held some communication with Captain Barton while I was on privilege leave in 1868, a letter of mine to Honorary Ensign Cooper has been put in; no doubt we may have communicated with each other, but the prosecution must go further than that, and show either by a letter itself, or some reliable evidence of its contents, that I wrote in terms altogether inconsistent with the supposition, that I was ignorant of what was going on in respect of this fodder. No such letter has been produced; and there is only Captain Barton's imperfect memory and hesitating testimony as to the fact of any correspondence passing between us, or the purport of this correspondence, or the precise circumstances under which the order of 17th June 1869 was written. I need perhaps hardly point out, that the loss alleged by this charge to have accrued to Government is not proved. If any overcharges for the fodder were in fact made, the witnesses do not show clearly to what extent this was carried, and as officiating Sub-Conductor Smith acknowledges that he does not recollect what he and the meat agent shared between them, it would perhaps be only affectation on his part to attempt to estimate with any degree of certainty the total loss to Government on this charge.

The 4th charge accuses me of having in the month of September 1869 ordered the destruction of the office and butchery surplus fund books. There is a very material variance between the date in the charge, and that given by the prosecutor, in his opening address, and by Mr. Kelly in his evidence. Both Lieutenant-Colonel Keer and Mr. Kelly say that it was in November 1869, when I ordered the latter to destroy the office surplus fund book.

Mr. Kelly further states that I gave him this order a few days before I left Peshawur for England, and he has told the Court the state of health I was in at the time. I was believed then by all around me to be in a dying state. Whether or not I ever gave Mr. Kelly any such order it is impossible for me to say, for I have no recollection whatever of the circumstances of those few days before I left Peshawur. It follows that I cannot deny Mr. Kelly's assertion on the point, nor have I ever dreamt of doing so. In my letter to Lieutenant-Colonel Keer, dated 1st July 1870, I distinctly pointed out that if Mr. Kelly had really made such a statement to Lieutenant-Colonel Keer it might have been that I gave him the order, but in the state I was in November 1869 I could not attach any responsibility to myself for doing so. Officiating Sub-Conductor Smith, whether taking his cue from what Mr. Kelly has said, or acting from some other motive I cannot tell, has accused me to Lieutenant-Colonel Keer of ordering the destruction of another book, belonging, *it is said*, to his butchery surplus fund. I have shown in the creation of that "fund," as it is called, no share whatever, and therefore I could not have known of the existence of any such book as the one officiating Sub-Conductor Smith says I ordered him to destroy. His evidence as to that order is most extraordinary. He says that to the best of his recollection I came to the butchery one morning and "made some enquiries about the account of what had been expended, and so on," and that while I was going away I said I hoped or wished the book would not be forthcoming; from which he inferred that I wanted the book made away with, and he made away with it accordingly. He says that this took place the end of the summer of 1869. I deny every word of this statement, such as it is. It proves no order from me to destroy the book, and is moreover ridiculous and improbable; there was nothing to prevent me taking the book and destroying it myself; and if I were aware of the existence of the book and wished to remove all traces of it, as officiating Sub-Conductor Smith alleges were the facts, it is not very likely that I should have left him to make away with it, or should have contented myself with giving him a mere hint as to what I wanted done. Then he says that with the book the receipts were destroyed, and that I ordered their destruction, in order that no light might be thrown on the matter. What possible light the receipts for the work done on my residential estate, and it is to these receipts that officiating Sub-Conductor Smith referred, could show on the subject, I fail to see. The receipts would not show the source from which the money came, and if as officiating Sub-Conductor Smith says he only took receipts occasionally for the work generally, it is no longer improbable, but simply impossible, that the receipts would have told any tale. As to the particular work done on my residential estate, which forms the subject of the 1st charge, he said that he did not take any receipts, a fact apparently borne out by Ghulam Hossein's evidence. But whether or not he took receipts for that portion of the works, or any other portion superintended or done by him, not only could I have had no object in ordering the destruction of the receipts, but it is very unlikely that officiating Sub-Conductor Smith would have made away with what would be his sole proof of payment if the contractor or others ever came down upon him for the money. If then his statement about the destruction of the receipts is false or improbable, so also is his assertion about the destruction of the book, which is a part of the same statement.

I would only add with reference generally to these four charges, that in acting as I am said to have done I must have known that I placed myself at any time in the hands of officiating Sub-Conductor Smith. Whether it is probable that I should have done such a thing I leave the Court to judge.

I now come to the 5th charge, which has occupied the Court the greater portion of their time during this investigation.

The charge alleges that with reference to the bullocks under my charge—knowingly ordered false returns to be made out for the months of April, May, June, July and August 1869, the incorrectness of the returns which I am said to have authorized consisting in their exhibiting grain instead of barley. The charge thus in effect avers that the bullocks during the months specified received barley, that I was well aware of the fact, and that I deliberately ordered the returns of each of those months to be made out to exhibit gram. The gist of the charge really is, that I knew from April to August 1869, inclusive, the bullocks were not receiving gram.

The bullocks alluded to in the charge, as shown by the evidence, were transport train bullocks, a fact which it is necessary to bear in mind when the letters and telegrams that passed between the Commissary General and myself are to be considered.

In April 1869 Heera Lall Chatterjee, the station gomashta, presented to me a petition, dated 12th of that month, upon which I passed an order dated the 12th. The substance of the petition was that as gram was not procurable at Peshawur at that time, and as he (Heera Lall) had made arrangements for a supply from Rawul Pindee and elsewhere, an order from me was solicited that barley might be issued *for a few days* until the arrival of the gram. My order was that barley might be issued for the transport train bullocks, but care was to be taken that as much barley was given as would "make up the average cost of gram." It is perhaps almost unnecessary to point out that this order was intended to be in the terms of the petition, and that when I gave it, I was sanctioning the issue of barley "for a few days only" until the gram arrived for which Heera Lall had provided.

Gram was supplied at that time by Heera Lall; the system then being the agency and not the contract system; the latter did not come into force until 1st July 1869, when Atmaram obtained the contract. Heera Lall was therefore the proper person to see to the matter in question. The temporary issue of barley which I thus sanctioned appears from the evidence to have commenced from the 15th of the month of April. Sergeant Stephens says that up to the 15th the bullocks received two seers gram and seven seers bhoosa each, and after that, four seers ground barley (*ardawa*). His evidence as to the date of the change is supported by all the other evidence upon the point, and therefore it is clear that a few days after Heera Lall obtained my order upon his petition, he commenced to act upon it. This change in the food of the bullocks at once attracted the attention of those concerned, and Sergeant Stephens, Munnee Ram, and Mr. Kelly have deposed that they spoke to me on the subject, and that I told them it was all right. Sergeant Stephens says he spoke to me about it in the middle of April, when the change first took place, and I have no doubt he did. He adds that he also mentioned the subject at the end of the month, but does not profess to have done so after that. It may not be very important, but I should say that it was highly improbable that he spoke to me about the alteration in the food more than once, and that *would have been in the* middle of April; having drawn my attention to the fact of the alteration, and received my explanation, there would have been an end of the matter between him and me. Munnee Ram declares that he also spoke to me about the alteration. I am satisfied that he did not. His course would have been to address me by the ordinary medium of a petition, upon which my order would be recorded. He says he presented my petition, though he admits that in matters of any importance a petition would be sent in. It is very clear that this matter was considered one of importance by him, otherwise he could not have spoken to Mr. Kelly about it, or as he *pretends* he did to me; moreover if Mr. Kelly told him to send in a petition when he was consulted by Munnee Ram in the matter. The return of Munnee Ram I feel satisfied has disappeared, and if forthcoming, would show an order from me similar to that issued to Heera Lall, which would have left Munnee Ram without excuse for receiving barley instead of gram after a reasonable time had been allowed for the arrival of the gram from Rawul Pindee.

[To be continued.]

THE ANGLO-FRENCH COMMERCIAL TREATY.

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IT was long ago surmised that proposals for the modification, if not for the absolute termination, of the Commercial Treaty with this country would be made by the French Government, and very conflicting reports of M. Thiers' intentions have of late prevailed in the commercial world. We are now in possession of authentic information which enables us to estimate the real nature of the changes meditated, and which justifies an expression of public opinion on the whole subject. This may, perhaps, be as well to premise that by the 21st Article of the original Treaty it was made terminable only upon a twelvemonth's notice, from either party, and that no such notice, so far as appears, has yet been given. At worst, therefore, whatever confusion and loss might be produced by so important a disturbance in the course of trade, our producers could not be taken by surprise, but would have a considerable period to prepare for it. According to our telegraphic intelligence, however, confirmed by an interesting letter from our special correspondent, which appears in another column, the French demands, whether reasonable or unreasonable, fall very far short of the rumoured "denunciation." M. Pouyer-Quertier desires to raise Duties above the standard fixed in 1860 on two classes of goods, similar in their character, but subject to different provisions of the Commercial Treaty. The first of these classes includes yarns and threads of cotton, linen, and hemp, tissues of the same materials, and linen damasks, *upon which it is not in contemplation to lay any corresponding Excise Duty*. The right to impose a higher tariff on this class of goods, with the consent of England, is claimed under the last clause of the 21st Article, whereby it is stipulated that any modification may be introduced into the Treaty by consent of both Powers, "which is not opposed to its spirit and principles, and the utility of which shall have been shown by experience." It is also proposed, on behalf of France, that "hemp and linen, raw and in twist, cotton in bales, wool in bulk," and, possibly, silk manufactures, should be charged with an Import Duty equivalent to any Excise Duty which may be levied on these commodities within French territory. This provision, as explained by our correspondent, involves a new taxation of raw materials, but it would chiefly affect us in its operation on textile fabrics exported hence to France, and, to this extent, it seems to be strictly within the scope of Article 9 in the Treaty. If so, we cannot distinctly reject it without giving notice of our wish to withdraw from the Treaty altogether, whereas, it is at least doubtful whether the first head of demand might not be disputed as inconsistent with the Treaty's "spirit and principles."

The question, then, is, what should be the policy of our Government, and what the attitude of the nation, at this very critical juncture in our commercial relations with France. Our Correspondent may fairly be taken as representing the arguments which will be used by the French negotiators to obtain our consent to the proposed changes. The view is certainly plausible, and well deserving of attention. It is that it is "only due to the French Government and nation to take into consideration the almost desperate position in which they find themselves placed, with a debt of three milliards and a half of francs still unpaid, with a German army of 80,000 men still occupying twelve departments, with the capital of the country in a state of siege and its industry slowly recovering from paralysis, with two of its most valuable manufacturing provinces torn from it, and its working classes discontented and agitated, with a Government well-intentioned, but manacled by conspiracy and intrigue, and at best an experiment, with a Chamber composed of most heterogeneous materials and utterly devoid of Parliamentary experience." From this point of view, the French Minister of Commerce will doubtless be prepared earnestly to deprecate the predominance of a hard and *doctrinaire* economy in the pending negotiations, and plead for a revision of the Treaty by the light of a broader and more "charitable" statesmanship. By many even in this country we shall be urged to waive any doubt as to the application of Article 21, and to accept the increased Import Duty on cotton, linen, and hempen goods as a fiscal necessity for a country threatened with ruin, instead of repudiating it as a wilful relapse into Protection. On the other hand, French and English champions of Free Trade will press upon us resistance to the imposition of Customs Duties proportioned to Excise Duties on the raw material of these commodities, in the interest of France herself as well as of England, and the more so because there is a compact Free-Trade party in the French Legislature which, thus strengthened, might probably succeed in defeating it.

Now, it is hardly necessary for us to advocate what every right-minded Englishman must recognize—the expediency, or rather the duty, of showing the greatest possible forbearance towards France in her present difficulties. Not only is she entitled to our sympathy and admiration in the courageous efforts which she is making to repair her credit, but it may be well worth our while, on purely selfish grounds, to bear a temporary sacrifice for the sake of accelerating her recovery. At the same time, there are one or two facts to which it would be foolish to shut our eyes. One is the fact that, by the proposals before us, the very industry in which M. Pouyer-Quertier and his friends are specially interested would receive special protection. Another is that, by according to a high rate of Customs Duties on textile fabrics when not accompanied with proportionate Excise Duties, and objecting to it when so bitanced, we should apparently be exhibiting more solicitude for the prosperity of French manufacturers than for that of our own. No doubt it may be said that in the latter proposal there lurks the pestilent heresy of taxing raw materials; but, since the raw material comes from America, France can do this at any time without consulting us. Nor is it possible to regard, without great misgiving, the "economy" recommended by the authority of Catholic theologians other than of Adam Smith, which abandons a sound position in the hope of ultimately bringing the other disputant round to it. We cannot forget that when the project of a Commercial Treaty was broached, many predicted that it would lead to further bargains and concessions, and it has been stated by M. Michel Chevalier, in a published letter, that Cobden himself was at first opposed to it as inconsistent with true commercial freedom. If we have outgrown these ideas, if we have learnt the fallacy of confounding Treaties designed to promote Free Trade with Treaties designed to create exclusive privileges, we have yet to learn that a Treaty of this kind can be maintained on any basis except that of fair reciprocity. There is much to be said for keeping our International engagements about the imposition of Duties, and there are some who look upon this as a good opportunity of escaping from vexatious restrictions. There is also much to be said for making such engagements where they may pave the way for real Free Trade—and this is the view of most practical economists of our own day but there is very little to be said for a one-sided Commercial Treaty. If France must needs tax our cottons for Revenue purposes, she has a perfect right to do so, and need have no fear that we shall take reprisals by taxing her wines or Parisian wares. But it is another question whether England is bound to continue under a pledge never, under any circumstances, to lay an Export Duty on coal, and it will be for our negotiators to consider this point in any revision of the Commercial Treaty.

[FROM THE "TIMES" SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.]

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THE disquieting reports in regard to the intentions of the French Governments with reference to the English Treaty of Commerce and the accounts which I observe in the French papers of the circular issued by the "Anglo-French Committee for the Maintenance of the Treaty" seem to render it desirable that any misapprehensions which may exist on the subject should be cleared up with the least possible delay, as it is most essential that in a matter affecting so vitally some of the most important mercantile interests of both countries' prejudices should not now be created which it may hereafter prove difficult to remove, and that the temper of the communities on both sides of the Channel should not be excited at the outset of the negotiations in such a manner as to increase the difficulties of those upon whom the task will devolve of bringing the question to a final settlement. In the first place, it is only due to the French Government and nation to take into consideration the almost desperate position in which they find themselves placed; with a debt of three milliards and a half of francs still unpaid; with a German army of 30,000 men still occupying twelve departments; with the capital of the country in a state of siege, and its industry slowly recovering from paralysis; with two of its most valuable manufacturing Provinces torn from it, and its working classes discontented and agitated; with a Government well intentioned, but menaced by conspiracy and intrigue, and at best an experiment, and with a Chamber composed of most heterogeneous materials and utterly devoid of Parliamentary experience, France is in such a position that it behoves a neighbouring and friendly nation to forego political economical prejudices, however well founded they may be, and to take rather the charitable than the purely mercantile view of any questions which may happen to arise. It is easy to subscribe and send over food to a starving population, but that higher order of charity which consists in making sacrifices which come home to our pockets upon a larger scale, and in a less sentimental manner, we have yet to learn. It is not now as it has always been hitherto in our commercial dealings with foreign nations, a question of the protection or development of rival industries, that we are called on to consider, it is a question of recovery from ruin, of salvation from bankruptcy, and, although there are national interests which, as Englishmen, it is our duty to regard first, we are morally bound to entertain the concessions which we are asked to make, from an altogether different point of view on this special occasion from that by which we are usually animated when we undertake to drive a hard commercial bargain. At the same time there are certain modifications which the French Government propose which, I think, not only in the interests of England, but of France, should be steadily resisted, and to which I will allude presently.

The modifications proposed by the French Government affect articles which may be classed under two categories upon which it is desired to raise the duties, those which do not come under the application of the 9th Article of the Treaty, and those which do. I class them thus, for, although the 21st Article may be relied upon to a certain extent, it is a question how far it is applicable to the present modifications. It runs thus:—

"The high contracting Powers reserve to themselves the right by mutual agreement to introduce into the Treaty any modification which may not be in opposition with its spirit or its principle, and the utility of which shall have been shown by experience."

This category, then, which does not come under the application of the 9th Article, which I shall quote presently, and which may possibly be affected by the 21st, consists of sundry numbers of cotton thread, of linen and hempen threads, of tissues of cotton and linen, and of damask linen. But whether the 21st Article can be construed to apply to these modifications or not, the interests of certain industries in England may not be seriously affected by them, is not the only question. In dealing with this part of the Treaty, the English Government and the English merchant have to consider, first, whether the injury which the alterations entail is not far more than compensated by the advantages of preserving the rest of the Treaty—whether, in fact, it is worth while to denounce the whole Treaty for the sake of the industries involved in the articles above enumerated; that is one question, and the other is whether, in fact, it is not better policy to make certain immediate pecuniary sacrifices in order to help France to pay her debts, and so put her into the position in which she believes she shall be the more speedily able to develope her trade, and engage in that reciprocal commercial intercourse which is temporarily affected by the immediate exigencies of her position. In regard to the articles comprised in the next category the case is very different, and here I think it might very fairly be argued that rather than consent to the duties which it is proposed under Article 9 to impose, it would be worth while not merely in the interest of England, but of France itself, to denounce the Treaty. Article 9 runs as follows:—

"If one of the high contracting Powers judge it necessary to establish an excise duty or tax upon an article of produce or of national fabrication which is contained in he preceding list of enumerated articles, the same article coming from broad, shall be immediately charged on importation with the same duty."

The articles proposed under this clause to be taxed are, hemp and linen, raw and in twist, cotton in bales, and wool in bulk, the same duty that is applied to the raw materials being also proportionately imposed on textile fabrics of the same material. Not only would the effect of this Article be somewhat too sweeping in its scope, but it involves a principle which would be most injurious to the prosperity of France. Of this fact the Chamber has proved itself perfectly conscious, by obstinately and most pertinaciously refusing to tax raw materials, and we could not do better than strengthen the hands of the Chamber even in this enlightened policy, by allowing it clearly to be understood that, while contrary to our convictions and our interests, we are willing to make certain concessions in favour of certain branches of French industry, we absolutely refuse on principle to be a party to a Treaty imposing duties to compensate for an internal tax levied on raw materials; and this not from any selfish motives, but because the interests of both nations will suffer thereby. There is, however, no chance whatever of the present Chamber conceding this point to the Government. There is a group of political economists among its members who are as intelligent a body of men upon all commercial questions as are to be found in any popular Assembly, and hitherto they have manfully fought the battle of Free Trade, and have successfully resisted every effort to undermine their convictions, which are based upon careful study and experience. The Budget Committee, which contains a large majority of this school, has completely the ear and the confidence of the Chamber on these questions, and I do not think there is the slightest chance of their abandoning their ground. But this is no reason why every possible concession in other directions should not be made, such as could easily be inserted into the present Treaty without necessarily having recourse to a new one. It must be remembered that coal and iron, the staple articles of our trade, are not touched by the proposed modifications, and that if the Chamber remains firm, the concessions otherwise demanded amount to a comparatively unimportant change. Of course merchants who in their particular industries are engaged in contracts which would be affected by the proposed modifications would deserve, and no doubt receive, compensation. But in the presence of the disturbed condition of our commercial relations with France for the last year, I cannot but suppose that they must have anticipated what was likely to happen, and refused contracts with delivery at long dates. I have omitted to mention that the Government also consider that the present is a favourable opportunity for putting duties on foreign silks in order to economize the produce of the Lyons mills, which, since the lady of the silk worm, has passed into foreign hands. This, however, is not an impost by which we are seriously affected. I trust that this statement of the actual state of the case may tend to allay the panic which seems to exist in England on the subject, and that the embarrassments of the French Government may not be increased by an agitation which will only tend to aggravate the difficulties it desires to see removed.

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All Treasury Drafts, Hoondees and other orders for realization, to be endorsed "Pay the Oriental Bank Corporation, or order."

Any information as to rules of business may be had on application at the Office, or byletter to the Agent.

Bombay, 3rd November 1871.

COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS.

HEAD OFFICE:

PARIS.

SUBSCRIBED and PAID-UP CAPITAL £3,200,000
RESERVE FUND ..... £ 800,000

LONDON BANKERS:

THE UNION BANK OF LONDON.

EXCHANGE.

On London—6 months' sight ..... 1s. 11 3/16d. per Rupee.
Ditto On demand ..... 1s. 10d. "
On Paris—6 months' sight ..... 243 Francs.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS.

Interest is allowed at TWO PER CENT. on minimum monthly balances.

DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS.

Interest at THREE PER CENT. allowed on money placed in Deposit at seven days' notice.

Interest at FOUR PER CENT., subject to six months' notice of withdrawal.

All remittances to be endorsed "PAY COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS, OR ORDER."

E. J. HARDCASTLE, Manager.

14, Rampart Row, Bombay, 15th September 1871.

AGRA BANK (Limited).

CAPITAL—£1,000,000.

HEAD OFFICE—NICHOLAS LANE, LOMBARD STREET, LONDON, E.C.

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CURRENT ACCOUNTS.

Interest is allowed at 2 per cent. per annum on the minimum monthly balance up to Rs. 100,000. Should the balance fall below Rs. 1,000 at any time during the half-year, no interest will be allowed.

FIXED DEPOSITS.

DEPOSITS received for fixed periods on the following terms, viz.:—

At 4½ per cent. per annum, subject to 12 months' notice of withdrawal

For shorter periods deposits will be received on terms to be agreed upon.

BILLS issued at the current exchange of the day on any of the Branches of the Bank free of extra charge; and approved Bills purchased or sent for collection.

SALES AND PURCHASES effected in British and Foreign Securities, in East India Stock and Loans, and in Shares of the same undertaken.

Interest drawn, and Army, Navy, and Civil Pay and Pensions realized.

Every other description of Banking business and Money Agency, British and Indian, transacted.

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Hours of business, 10 to 3; Saturday, 10 to 1.

FRED. T. ATKINS,
Bombay, 18th October 1871. Officiating Manager.

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REDUCTION in RATES for SHORT PERIOD POLICIES.

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ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

CAPITAL—£2,000,000 STERLING.

FUNDS IN HAND EXCEED £1,500,000 STERLING.

The "Royal" has never amalgamated with any other Company, and the liability of its Shareholders is unlimited.

FIRE BRANCH.

Fire Premiums for 1859 ..... £228,314 7s. 3d.
1869 ..... £485,180 5s. 8d.

POLICIES covering risks on Merchandize and Buildings in Bombay continue to be granted by the above Company through their Agents. Detached Bungalows and Household Furniture, both in Bombay and in the Mofussil, insured on very favourable terms, coals on the bunders also covered.

LIFE BRANCH.

Life Premiums for 1859 ..... £ 62,919 7s. 11d.
Do. 1869 ..... £213,420 14s. 8d.

The undersigned, understanding from the Head Office, are prepared to receive Proposals for Life Assurance with the above Company from Residents in India, and will be happy to afford every information regarding Rates of Premium, Participation in Profits, &c., to intending applicants for Insurance.

ANNUAL PREMIUM FOR CIVILIANS TO ASSURE Rs. 1,000.

AGE NEXT BIRTHDAY.	FOR THE WHOLE TERM OF LIFE.		FOR A LIMITED NUMBER OF YEARS.	
	With Profits.	Without Profits.	One year.	Seven years.
	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.
20	28 7	30 0	21 1	22 0
25	41 6	32 13	23 2	24 10
30	44 10	35 15	26 1	27 5
35	48 6	39 6	30 10	29 10

CAMPBELL, MITCHELL & Co.,
Agents, Royal Insurance Company.

Bombay, 1st June 1871.

ALLIANCE BRITISH AND FOREIGN LIFE AND FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY.—ESTABLISHED 1824.

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Of an eligible character are accepted at minimum current rates.

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The non-participating rates of Premium for European lives resident in India have been very materially reduced, and the undermentioned Agents are authorised to decide upon proposals submitted, to issue Policies, and to settle Claims.

Annual premium payable during the whole of Life to secure Rs. 1,000 at death—

Age next Birthday.	Civil.		Military.		Age next Birthday.	Civil.	Military.
	Rs. a.		Rs. a.			Rs. a.	Rs. a.
29	31	10	36	10	40	45 0	50 0
25	34	2	39	2	45	50 0	55 0
30	37	2	42	2	50	57 6	62 6
35	40	8	45	8	55	69 0	74 0

The Life Reserve Fund is over NINETY-FOUR LACS OF RUPEES which is irrespective of and in addition to the Paid-up Capital and the Fire Reserve Fund, being about 30 per cent of the sum secured under the Company's Life Policies; and, besides this, there is the guarantee of a Subscribed Capital of not less than FIVE CRORES of RUPEES, coupled with the personal responsibility of a numerous body of wealthy Proprietors.

For detailed Prospectuses, Forms of Proposal, &c., apply to

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CAPITAL—ONE MILLION STERLING

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The highest attainable economy has been afforded to Policyholders by means of an entirely new set of Tables computed for the especial use of the Indian Br nches of this Institution.

No labour or expense has been spared in the construction of these Tables: and the Directors have much gratification in directing attention to them,